Nixon and Watergate: The California Connection, Full (KPFA 1973)

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Presentation by the California Democratic Council on the political implication of the Watergate affair and the Nixon administration's coverup. Includes speeches by playwright Donald Freed and Richard Popkin.

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on may 18th the california democratic council presented at the beverly hills high school a political history of richard nixon which they call the california connection kpfk has excerpts of this seminar which includes former california governor edmund pat brown assemblyman john burton chairperson of the democratic state committee stanley scheinbaum economist and director of the pentagon papers defense committee former congressman jerry voorhees don freed author and playwright and professors peter dale scott and richard popkin before going to the california connection domestic affairs analyst and nationally syndicated

commentator charles morgan offers his view of the theatrical production called watergate in reading a book or viewing a play the careful audience will attend not only to what is being said and done on page or stage it will attend also to the underlying mood and tempo intended by the author otherwise crises climaxes and conclusions may be open to misunderstanding or confusion in our time the works of such as harold pinter or edward albee offer themselves as example the reviewer who rushes from the premiere of a pinter or alby play to hammer out a decision without meditation on the meaning of this or that word inflection or gesture must be gifted either with inordinate genius or inordinate husba attention must be given to what in journalism is called the sidebar that seemingly unimportant bit of information which illuminates the author's intent so it is with the watergate melodrama now unfolding before our eyes and into our ears what is said and done is important of course but that which is seemingly trivial or unintentional should demand our thought and our conclusion that the senate select committee and its extraordinarily able counsel sam dash and fred thompson

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dash and fred thompson have come up with a carefully plotted script which willy-nilly also involves the spear carriers and those who wait in the wings there is little or nothing of the careless in all this any skilled writer would admire the way in which the committee sets its theme and premise with the introduction of robert odell an administrator of the committee to re-elect the president he was brought on almost as a non-entity a glorified file clerk a preliminary necessity and diversion if you will we as audience had every right to expect he would strut his bookkeeper's half hour on the stage and be gone but he was exposed to quizzing for more than three hours and emerged as an embodiment of the aristotelian trinity of time place and person he introduced almost every major character we are to meet in these next months he established the sites and scopes of their activities as surprised as any in the audience this stand-in elevated to featured status huffed and puffed and his wings certainly weakened the structure of marked cards meant to shelter the watergate conspirators the committee which authored this setting of the scene could only be credited with an exquisite dramaturgic dexterity but it was not odell's to introduce the note of suspense so necessary to the plot that role remained for white house lackey bruce carley who brought in to play the mystery man one roy shepherd a delivery man with special white house clearance who carelessly said removed files from the office of convicted water gator e howard hunt who is the shepherd the ghost of panic's past or a real live man well we must live with this mystery for a while as dramatically we should now the script demanded and got the cops with the law and order lines about how they put the arm on the watergate burglars charming

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watergate burglars charming but even more charming jim mccord even as our authors had given us robert odell so we now had james yodel and yodel mccord did with an intensity qualifying him for any country and western circuit mccord is that characterization which confounds any mystery writer how do you draw a realistic picture of a heel without making him a hero how do you allow him to advance the plot and deepen it in favor of the good guys without putting him in shining armor the preferred mix and hater and our number is legion will tend to make mccord a hero but a hero he is not to be faithful to the story this must be kept in perspective mccord was knowingly involved in a seamy turgid toxic illegal mess up from the sinks and stews of the fbi and cia ghettos he ambled into this one with his eyes and pocketbook wide open caught with his pinky in the jam pot he began to chirp his patriotism even as disenchanted and frightened radicals did in the 40s and 50s and even as they he faces a dim and dismal future for whatever value he offers to the advancement of the good guys plot jim mccord remains an informer in the words of an old middle european saw some men are birds for anything whose bread they eat his song they sing his value to the working of the plot is unquestioned but the unsavory aspect of this selfishly motivated character must be kept in view unless we do indeed make him our hero a posture we may be sure that the authors did not and do not intend on the audience level we may consider these hearings as a morality play in the strictest sense all the virtues and vices are here we may well consider them remembering that of the seven deadly sins enumerated by augustine the first is pride look thee to the white house angel our

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look thee to the white house angel our morality play is however sadly incomplete the morality play demands its every man who is at once the hero and the object of heroism whose good is served in the working of the plot how sad it is that here every man may not give a damn in the prologue apathy starred the reactions of far too many in response to the revelations of watergate and in the first scene the tv networks reported that they were deluged with calls from irate viewers protesting that their morning diet of prurience the soap opera had been derailed the networks have responded they say they may well discontinue full-scale broadcasts of the hearings they wailed it after all they're losing advertising revenue which was at a record high last year the year of watergate this leads to a question the authors of our play probably didn't intend is the corruption on pennsylvania avenue that much worse than the corruption on sixth avenue the appetite of ignorance grows by the corruption it feeds upon one hopes the ignorance of the present critics is to be shrugged off not only by the authors of that which unfolds on our stage but by those who provide our vision of the stage the networks are the dissonant howls of a few to override or cancel out the sworn obligation to serve the public interest convenience and necessity the networks say the majority of protesters were men and women in the upper middle age range one wonders how that was determined through the coldly anonymous critical device of the telephone and one is inclined to wonder if this flood of calls did not have some sort of sinister inspiration beyond the fetid wits and humors of advancing age is it to be said we imply a certain organization here indeed it is a critical cabal is not at all unlikely the brains that fabricated support for the mining of haifang harbour could certainly fabricate such a campaign as this

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campaign as this and it is not to be overlooked that one of those of advancing age who could not be bothered with such televised trivia as the watergate's hearings was our own numero uno richard nixon the son of peyton place caused it to be known he couldn't be bothered he has other things on his mind the bombing of cambodia the assurance of constantly rising profits and constantly diminishing value of the consumer dollar and attention to the game of musical chairs he plays in the name of reworking his staff with the same old tired personnel changing the shadow but not the substance this man who would assert himself as number one critic with his inattention to the play remains the drama's most probable villain the authors of this thing have had that in mind and we as audience and critics must keep it there for we are every man and the play must serve our purpose our eyes and minds must be riveted not only on stage center but on the peripheries of the stage where the author's meaning may be more clearly elaborated or subverted of some poetic significance probably was the nbc observation that the greatest number of calls it received had to do with the preemption of a thing called days of our lives it is an irony of this troubled time that the truth of the days of our lives is being informed in the drama of the watergate hearings and that those who provide the view of its stage are considering denial of it with such denial they would make of the american tragedy an american farce which carries the seeds of our unknowing undoing pray that it not be said that this worked before us be sidetracked left cold and inert like shakespeare's mackerel only to stink and shine in the moonlight this is charles morgan and now to the california connection with moderator stanley sheinbaum

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with moderator stanley sheinbaum this program was produced by stephen blum there are two interesting coincidences for me here tonight one is that a year ago today the ellsberg russo defense team gathered in california and set up offices downtown after a year a previous year of where we were spread out around the country and this in our group is a dramatic day and we're all rather conscious of it the second uh coincidence and of some drama for me is that in this auditorium the aclu held the first fundraiser for the ellsberg russo defense also just a few days later slightly less than a year ago and we were always grateful for that because it gave us a good kick off i don't want to take time making many remarks i will make the simplest one i can think of and that is that we the people are finally on the aggressive and for the first time i find the term aggressive a pleasant one there has been too much aggression in many ways in this country and the people who are primarily responsible are clearly on the defensive and i hope we keep them that way and in essence

that is one of the purposes of this meeting tonight one of my tasks tonight is to introduce a lot of people i take a certain pleasure in introducing former governor pat brown for a number of reasons he and i have had our differences in the past

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almost every time i see him he points them out to me i want to say though wally had mentioned that i was instrumental in obtaining the release of andreas papandreou from jail in greece pat brown played a significant role in that and i think he ought to get credit for that i don't think there's anything i can tell you about him that you don't already know so i will therefore introduce pat brown thank you very very much it's good to be back and when i hear that applause i feel another campaign coming on i but i don't want to and i don't think that we should either labor this watergate situation too much because i don't think it's necessary number one and number two because i think it's unfair the case is now in the hands of the grand juries in new york and washington and florida and i think we ought to leave it there i think we ought to let them determine it we then have it in the congress of the united states and the senate of the united states and i'm sure that we can presume that those people are honest and the only thing that we can you mean that the united states senators are are not honest i mean well i mean i we can't get into a to an argument about that when we have a case like we have but let me

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case like we have but let me let me let me just say that i think that we're going to have a a fair determination and as a district attorney a former district attorney an attorney general and governor i think that it's only fair to to leave it in the in the hands of the authorities now i don't mean that we shouldn't discuss it i think these things here tonight a a town meeting is is important but i think we have to discuss it objectively and we have to discuss it factually and without without emotion and pray to god that in the end our country our country's right and that we survive this crisis like we've survived all the others now let me say about the 1962 campaign but before i say that let me just tell you a story a week before the campaign was over with richard nixon had a press conference and in that press conference he said on friday night i'm going to have a statewide television program and he said i'm going to expose governor edmund g pat brown he didn't say what he was going to expose and i wasn't quite sure what he knew between you and me i was really deeply concerned about what he was going to expose so i waited you know when you're campaigning you're campaigning all over the state of california you're in eureka you're in san francisco you're in los angeles you're in riverside you wake up the next morning you don't know where you are so he made that statement on monday and the television program was to be on friday night wednesday night i was down in riverside about three o'clock in the morning i awakened and i looked over in the bed next to me there was a woman i said that nixon that nixon he's framing me he's framing

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that nixon he's framing me he's framing me and i turn on the light it was my wife she joined me and i forgot about it now the point of the story is that in politics you have to be deeply suspicious of the opposition and in addition to that you have to be very careful but in the 62 campaign i'm not going to come here and tell you that that mr nixon was guilty of bad campaign tactics or that i was i was a paragon of virtue in that campaign it was a tough campaign he started out 23 or 24 points ahead of me but we began to gain on him in fair debate throughout this state we debated up and down the state of california before the associated press the united press international various places throughout this state and i thought and i'll be very frank with you that i thought it was a fair campaign and i thought we wanted on the issues because i thought the democratic party the second democratic administration in 60 years in this state had done a good job and that's why we won it and why they had to resort to a phony poll two weeks or three weeks before the end of the campaign i cannot understand as a matter of fact it hurt them more than it helped them and they have this organization the i have the papers here in my in my pocket are before me the democratic state central committee versus

the committee for the preservation of the democratic party in california and an unincorporated association and in that camp in that judgment they found that that richard nixon had finance in his campaign organization had financed this phony poll

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had financed this phony poll this fraudulent statement of who was behind it in the last three weeks of the campaign and they found and this is a finding of a republican judge in san francisco republican by registration before he he became a judge and the finding was it was drafted in the form of a postcard poll was reviewed amended and finally approved by mr nixon personally in the form attached as exhibit a and then they attach the poll to it so i'm not going to talk about the 62 campaign other than to tell you that i thought it was a great campaign i can't think of anything i enjoyed more in my life than winning it i can't think of any campaign where i get better and i'm not going to i'm not going to berate the man that i defeated even though he's in serious trouble tonight i'll let the others take care of that i think the country the country has proven itself by by the way that they've ascertained the facts but i think it's a tragedy that a great a great political party felt that it had to resort to the things that it did to defeat my candidate george mcgovern last year thank you very much thank you governor in 1974 this state is going to re-elect a democratic senator we are going to replace a republican governor and the man who is probably most key in achieving all this is john burton who as you know is chairman of the democratic state

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democratic state central committee assemblyman john burton chairman of the assembly rules committee and an old friend of mine we have been through much in the political process together i am a i am amazed that he continues to be reelected so i have some confidence that he's going to do something very effective about the democratic party in 1974. i kind of agree with pat brown on the subject matter of nixon of watergate and of the other things i like to consider in my own way that i'm somewhat consistent and consistency means if it means amnesty for young people who went to canada it may or may not mean amnesty for the president of the united states but i don't think that i would say no amnesty for no one because i believe in forgiveness in reconciliation in amnesty something like amnesia and i'm very forgetful anyway secondly i'm not sure that i disagree with the statements of prince ceonuk where he said a weakened nixon who will be ineffectual in dealings with the congress may not be a better thing for the world than his replacement who uh could be spiro agnew or it could be a democrat james eastland all right so i mean you know let's you know let's keep it all in perspective on the other hand uh as governor brown said if it is proven or if there is reasonable cause to believe that an individual has broken the law committed some high crime or misdemeanor

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or misdemeanor it is up to the house of representatives to uh make that accusation and it's up to the senate to try it and that's kind of where i am i would say that the thing that hit me most in this state concerning watergate was the reaction and statement of our good great glorious governor sir ronald who said he didn't really consider the illegal acts committed by these fine people in the white house is making them criminals you know but if you're a welfare recipient you take another ten dollars that's welfare fraud that's crime you should go to jail like that was an indication of his sense of selective justice that only the poor and the young in the non-white can break the law and if you're white in your middle class and your proper republican you don't break the law you may commit an illegal act but certainly you don't break the law and so again as we concern ourselves with watergate as i am and i'm not concerned myself really so much with the bugging and the political espionage uh because that had to be idiotic uh i mean tapping i mean it just had to be idiotic up front it's immoral up front to have the type of political system we have in this country that permits that type of thing to be financed but more importantly the cover-up in the lies or what disturbed me it's the classic case uh and i'm sure when all of us were young uh we fibbed to our mother and she asked a question and we answered the question we got in deeper and deeper and deeper and this is a classic case where the lie got the people in deeper and deeper and deeper and it really boils down to the credibility

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it really boils down to the credibility of the institutions of government because certainly was only richard nixon or it was the republican president and the committee to reelect a republican president but it does bother me about the institutions of office and i am conservative enough and believe enough in the constitution in the bill of rights again to give any individual whether he's the black down in south central los angeles or a chicano in the east side or a wasp in washington dc the benefit of the doubt under our constitution and the due process safeguards guaranteed to our constitution because i'm one of those that believe when you infringe upon the civil liberties and the constitutional rights of one individual you infringe upon the constitutional rights of all individuals and i've always believed that and i think it would be very inconsistent for those of us that raised that cry in the days of the loyalty oath in the days of the free speech movement and then the days of the witch hunts to forget about it now because they're the other guys and they're the bad guys again the ultimate solution to things like watergate to things like honesty and integrity in government in my opinion is to elect people of honor and people of integrity to government it's really that simple we are the only ones that can do it there's no one else can do it but the people and you want to know something if the people would have been with it if we would have done our job if all of the decent thinking people would have done the right thing and would have looked at the man mcgovern would have looked at the man nixon and voted for the person who clearly

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and voted for the person who clearly stood out on the basis of honor and integrity with all of the bugs with all of the bribes with all of the cash with all of the suitcases they would not have been able to win that election it is that simple and we cannot delude ourselves the is i think it was a republican senator who said these people were trying to steal the very thing that was america well that is true but you want to know something we are the ones again despite their illegal acts by not doing more by not really getting into it that allowed them to be successful because otherwise it would have been an attempted theft rather than a theft thank you john i want to make a few remarks about watergate about richard nixon about the pentagon papers about what has happened to this country in the last 25 years we got caught up in the cold war the truman doctrine the increasing struggles about communism stopping them anywhere and as we know we wound up in a disaster in vietnam but what happened in this country in these 25 years and what watergate the pentagon papers are all about it's really summarized in the one phrase the abuse of power this country has become and it's no secret very powerful economically even morally certainly politically around the world it is not as powerful

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it is not as powerful in any of those senses as it was say two or three years ago the point is that we became the people in power and the american people also because we all share the guilt in this country of what has gone on we like power people have a basic instinct for power but as soon as you start getting involved in it you will overstate it you will overuse it and you will abuse it this country cannot go around the world as we have done trying to tell other people how to live this is what we have tried in western europe and they are now saying nay to us because of our lost prestige because of our weakened dollar which was expended on frivolous gestures in other parts of the world we tried to tell the vietnamese how to live what kind of a system they had but the worst of it is what has happened in this country and we see the abuse all the way around it is now front pages it's simple now we saw before this broke out in into west into the watergate someone recently said weathergate we saw a climbingst tell a congressional committee if you don't like what the president's doing even if it's he didn't say these words but he implied them even if it is illegal impeach him we know the cynicism that lay behind those words and getting rid of a climbings and getting rid of a calm back and an erlickman

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calm back and an erlickman and even a nixon is not going to do the trick there is a lot of power at stake in

this country and it comes in many forms we know what vesco is all about he tried to put two hundred thousand dollars into the republican committee so the sec would stay off his back what is not given equal attention is what really was at stake there not two hundred thousand dollars but 224 million dollars that he had skimmed off from the investors in mutual funds that is one kind of power that is available to be grabbed for and leads to the corruption that we understand and see in this country now now i suggest to you that these abuses of power will continue politically in the political realm in the international realm and in the economic realm as long as the defense budget remains as large as it is with all the pressure that nixon is under there is still no move to cut the defense budget it is still close to one tenth of our gross national product and that means that there are a lot of people around this country in the corporate world who stay up all night figuring out a way of getting in on that act and with those sums involved with those sums involved the abuses of power will continue and we might get rid of a nixon but that defense budget will still be there as a magnet for anyone with any sense toward power and sadly most people have that sense

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and sadly most people have that sense and when they get close to it they start using it this is what the pentagon papers was all about it's what watergate is all about and it is the major threat to this country today and remain so despite the titillation we are all getting from the hearings in the senate what have you one of the things that comes through loud and clear in those in the congressional behavior today despite all their having been offended by the climbing statement to the congress about nixon and what the congress can go do with itself many many of those congressmen and senators still owe their jobs to the kinds of defense contracts that can be brought into their districts and into their state and those contracts are handed out by the executive branch and you do what you want about the nixon you will not do what you want about the country until we get off this false idol of defense defense expenditures and what it can do for the economy of this country one last word is an economist one of the major problems in this country today is the is the fact that income is not this distributed well we live in an affluent community here we are meeting tonight in one of the wealthiest communities beverly hills in this country and even if you happen to come across the line from santa monica or west hollywood you are still living in a community that is basically in the upper five percent of the income grouping in this country until the incomes in this country are distributed in a way that the people can order the goods

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that the people can order the goods instead of the executive branch being able to you will have the defense budget on us you will have the kinds of corruptions that we witnessed in vietnam that we witnessed in watergate it will not stop this country has to get back to its first principles the power the pockets of power have to be broken up they are abnormal and they are false and the heart of the problem lies in the pentagon and in the white house but no matter what else you think of the defense budget has to go do not be too overjoyed even though i said we were on the aggressive earlier we are no ways near there mr chairman ladies and gentlemen i'm going to stand in front of you right now for just about two minutes i've been given the singular honor and really a great pleasure a kind of one of a one-of-a-lifetime type of thing to introduce the next speaker to you and in trying to determine how to make this introduction it all of a sudden occurred to me that maybe i ought to let him introduce himself in his own words and if you will bear with me it'll take me about a minute and a half or two minutes to read this introduction this is the preface of a book and this preface is dated june 1972 clermont california and please remember that date june of 1972

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and the preface reads as follows the author of this book was the first victim of the nixon chapter formula for political success it mean it may be therefore be thought that sour grapes have prompted it's being written but such is not the case the first shock on election night was hard to take it meant that 10 years of earnest effort and record generally judged at least good were of less consequence in deciding the outcome of an election than some cleverly turned phrases but as events developed my defeat was from purely personal point of

view almost a blessing it gave me three months of unharry time to finish writing my book confessions of a congressman and at the end of that short period of unemployment i was selected for the very job i had most wanted the job was that of executive director of the cooperative league of the united states of america it gave me an opportunity to work at building grassroots economic and social organizations and enterprises a satisfying and rewarding task as time passed i came to feel that perhaps mr nixon and mr chatner had done me a personal favor in 1946 for a period of 22 years i observed a self-imposed rule not to make any public reference to richard nixon but when in 1968 he was elected president of the united states i could no longer in good conscience remain silent i remember a comment made in 1954 by the sacramento bee on a speech of mr nixon's quote there was little policy and no

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quote there was little policy and no principle in nixon's words but there was displayed infinite adaptability and caution qualities which may carry the young man far if all there is to american politics is smart jockeying for power and preferment i hoped then as i still hope that the bee was not prophetic in its observation but as time passed as mr nixon's taxes tactics did not change as he advanced to the presidency by the use of those very tactics and as i observed the devious and often dangerous practices of his administration my hope turned to fear that the bee may have been right in its summer prediction so i decided to write this book and to dedicate it to the proposition that american politics can be rescued from the low state to which it has fallen in the nixon years looking across this land and beyond it i am concerned that the crisis in man's long history is upon us now today i see a deterioration in the quality of our country's life that is frightening indeed i believe i know the reason why this is so general omar bradley one of our country's finest soldiers stated it better than i can do when he said we have grasped the mystery of the adam and rejected the sermon on the mount the world has achieved brilliance without wisdom power without conscience ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants we know more about war than we know about peace more about killing than we know about living it is time we began to do individually and as a nation what is right simply because it is right and leave the issue to a greater power than this world

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issue to a greater power than this world contains but that i fear we shall not do without clear good moral leadership and inspiration from a president of our country such leadership is not forthcoming now nor will it be until another than the present occupant sits behind the white house desk and i complete my introduction by reading this short statement from senator paul h douglas quote i have seen the eyes of hardened politicians moisten at the name of jerry voorhees name and i believe he is truly one of the saints of the earth ladies and gentlemen congressman jerry voorhees thank you very much mr gordon and thank you ladies and gentlemen i do appreciate mr gordon's reading the introduction to my book as a matter of fact i was going to use the last two paragraphs for the conclusion of my speech so now i don't have to do that i might have come here this evening with a certain feeling of i do have that feeling of relief but if anybody thinks i come here tonight with a feeling of i told you so or satisfaction or something like that she or he is quite mistaken because i come with a heavy heart indeed there are others to follow me and i will have to be careful not to talk too long let me tell you why i come with a heavy heart first because had it not been for the dogged determination

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determination of the reporters on principally three great newspapers in this country the washington post new york times and the los angeles times the people of this country would tonight would tonight still be accepting mr nixon's statement that nobody now or previously employed in the white house had anything to do with the watergate caper the tragedy of the situation was that this nation accepted watergate as a caper for months and months and months and i hope by this time that all those people who have gone around saying well it's the press's own fault that the administration tries to destroy it have come to the realization that the very freedom of this country depends upon the freedom of that press the immunity of reporters from being put in

jail because they won't reveal confidences and the right of free american citizens to criticize an administration in power in washington when they believe it's wrong and not be accused of treason the second reason i come with a heavy heart is because i let mr nixon get his start i didn't do it because i wanted to i tried my best it wasn't good enough i'm not going to discuss that campaign except i'll give you just one little insight

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i'll give you just one little insight into it advertisements were run saying that jerry vory's voting record is more socialistic and communistic than it is democratic they talked about 27 votes that i had cast which were really 17 because they duplicated a couple of lists and without telling what these votes were that they were very bad votes from some point of view well they were votes for the soil conservation act and for the tva and for the social security act for reciprocal trade agreements for putting a ceiling on the cost of housing for veterans etcetera etcetera they were votes for things that were passing the congress by substantial majorities they were votes for things that were important to the people that 46 election is of no importance whatsoever today except for one simple reason i don't know whether mr nixon knew about watergate ahead of time i don't know whether he knew about the forging of a letter on senator muskie's stationary that accused two of his rival candidates for the democratic nomination of sexual irregularities i don't know how much mr nixon knew about the planting of people in people's organizations who were supposed to help cause riots i don't know how much he knew about what i do know is that the whole career of mr nixon was based upon the very kind of tactics that his devoted staff in the white house has carried out with or without his knowledge in recent days and i tell you that the pattern of that program and it isn't just the break-in at watergate

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at watergate it's a whole pattern of sabotage underhand dealings spending of money to have fake telegrams sent to the white house from the white house expressing support for the bombing of north vietnam and the mining of the harbor this whole pattern of cynical contempt for the american electorate is entirely in keeping it shouldn't be a surprise to anybody and this is the pity of it after all when one says that anything should be done in order to win and when on many sides you'll find that philosophy applauded when you take the position that there are no ground rules of decency you're striking at the heart of any free people in any democratic government the schemes that were carried out by the committee to re-elect the president and form mr nixon's benefit whether or not with his knowledge those schemes were aimed at nothing less than the destruction of all opposition to the nixon administration and indeed the destruction of the democratic party itself if they could get away with it many of us almost let them they were afraid of mcgovern one of the decentest most profoundly religious individuals that ever was a candidate for president of the united states

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why people were afraid of him i have no idea their fear should have been turned in quite a different direction i come with a heavy heart also because in these days a stiffening of opposition to the program of the nixon administration to subvert the american form of government and turn it into a virtual presidential dictatorship the resentment and concern of the people about that was only aroused because a couple of wide awake washington cops happened to catch five guys burglarizing and attempting to bug the headquarters of the democratic national committee it's sort of poetic justice that the washington police force was involved in this because that's the same police force which mr nixon applauded for its mass arrest of 13 000 people who were only bystanders when a bunch of kids tried to hold up traffic and not a single one of which was convicted even of a misdemeanor having been held in incarceration over 36 hours well that's an aside what ought to have happened in this nation is that as mr nixon concentrated decision-making power in a little coterie of white house people immune to congressional inquiry as he took the government into his own hands and out of the hands of the duly constitutionally constituted congress of this country thence when people should have been aroused they should have been aroused when a man who talks about the work ethic

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who talks about the work ethic vetoed every single significant bill that congress passed that would have enabled people to go back to work the worst of which was the bill for establishing child care center so their mothers would have a place to leave their children in safety while they could go to work and now by executive order without our shred of constitutional right to do it mr nixon declares that the child care centers even that we did have shall be abolished in order to save money so that he can have it for this pentagon budget that the mr scheinbaum was talking about this is when the country should have been aroused it should have been aroused when they saw the impoundment of billions of dollars on the part of mr nixon and contrary to the constitution and depriving congress of its legislative powers they should have been aroused when they found him invading cambodia without a shred of congressional right to do it they should have been aroused when for reasons that i don't understand the so-called peace at hand which dr kissinger had presumably arranged never went into effect and instead of that the war went on with renewed fury for weeks and months until we got what an agreement almost exactly like the one that dr kissinger had presented in october well i must quit but what i'm trying to say is i'm relieved that at last the american people seem to be waking up to the real purposes of this administration

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administration but it's a little late and we're doing it for reasons that are important as they can be but to my mind aren't quite as important as the ones i've been talking about how much do we care about people actually we're in danger of having this country fall into the control the people who can buy elections people who control our economy through monopolies almost completely people who boots are licked by lots of people that don't have too much it's time that we begin to do right in this country just because it is right it's time for democrats to realize that they have got to win the election in 74 and they've got to win the election in 76 not for the democratic party but for the future of the united states i believe we can we didn't really lose the election in 1972 the democratic party won it our presidential candidate was defeated but mr nixon's mandate which he interprets to mean that he can do anything he pleases apparently at least it did up until recent days that mandate rest do you know on how many votes on the votes of just one third of the american people for only 55 percent of the people voted mr nixon got 60 percent of that 55 percent and if you'll multiply with me that's 33 percent the other 67 percent either voted for mcgovern or for john schmitz or didn't vote at all

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all this isn't any great mandate it certainly isn't a mandate to take from congress its legislative powers to veto and impound and repeal the laws of congress that are of social value to the american people one after another and then to declare that if congress dares to pass a law over a veto he'll just impound the money anyway this is executive dictatorship and if it were in the hands of an administration whose skirts were completely clean of scandal could be bad enough as it is it's one of the tragedies of american history perhaps the greatest tragedy this country has faced we've got to get through it as best we can and we can provided the character of the american people and their compassion for those who need their help and their real search for world peace and they're giving up the idea that might makes right in the world can stand up and be counted so that the soul of this great country will assert itself again and rise above the muck and filth that some ambitious shielded secret fellows in the white house coterie have foisted on this nation with or without i do not know the knowledge of a man who is supposed to be a responsible president of the united states i now want to introduce a man who will bring us to what we have come to call the california action in the drug that is richard nixon

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in the drug that is richard nixon some of you will know don freed he's been very active in this community for a long time i have been terribly impressed with him for a long time he is an activist a teacher he's a teacher of english of humanities at the otis art institute he's the publisher he has published many books i want to mention just three of them one are the glass house tapes which is an interesting metaphor here but we won't

go into it another is the agony in new haven and one that is coming out tomorrow and will be on the book stands is executive action the esta the assassination of a head of state also about two years ago some of you may have seen it down at the music center in the mark taper forum a play by don freed the u.s versus the name of the play was inquest and it was about the case of the u.s versus julius and ethel rosenberg which again was a manifestation of the same apparatus that brings us here tonight he is the recipient of many awards and i am very glad to introduce don free thank you it's good to be back in beverly hills with uh old friends where we sorted out many issues of the 1960s and now the great acts of operation gemstone which was the formal title of the watergate affair of which that is only a corner swings like a an enormous thresher back and forth and if some blood is let we can only stand here to try to give

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we can only stand here to try to give some coherence to the chaos in which we find ourselves there's the tip of the iceberg and that's the watergate burglary burglary and the burglary of the ellsberg psychi psychiatric office and then there's the huge immobile as yet and frozen iceberg now tonight in just a few moments we can only talk a little bit about the tip of the iceberg and about the iceberg but i have two guests here who are sort of guest consultants to the citizens research and investigating committee and a new book we're working on called operation gemstone and they of all people i know uh can give open a window at least or cast a light or produce an angle of refraction towards that frozen monolithic iceberg which had been bearing down on us so fast and so hard until events recent events called our attention to our own peril and the steps in self-defense that we will take now not out of question of morality not a question of guilt or evil and not out of a question of sending somebody to jail we certainly would like amnesty for everyone we're not after a non-entity like richard nixon though impeachment may very well be the first step in a purgation of the american bali politic we're after much more so i'm going to introduce our guests and they're going to talk a little bit about the iceberg and then i'm going to bring on some charts and talk about the tip of the iceberg and then those who still have questions and they will be many i will mention a date in the future when we will have a lot more time than this to discuss at great length this iceberg and its tip but i would like to remind you that not only is this not a caper but it is also not only a small coterie of men in the white house we are talking so far about 12 agencies of government infiltrated and overtaken with nixon agents and those prep powers which nixon represents and i'm referring to justice the interior defense

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justice the interior defense commerce transportation that was eagle crow the national security council henry kissinger himself who by no means is above this battle and who called on his long experience in army intelligence to work first uh hiding in pakistan before he flew to china and he received kudos for that bit of espionage and that bit of clandestine activity but he's not to receive kudos for the fact that he spied on his own trusted associates that he connived and spied and tried to stand aloof from this he will be dragged down yet in this scandal we go on to the fbi in the central intelligence agency the situation is so horrible that where it happening in another country you would be studying the papers every morning to see from what direction the coup was coming there is the white house staff of course and the securities exchange commission we have so far over 36 individuals at the highest level either indicted or cashiered or resigned and a flood of indictments yet to come and men to go to prison and others who will never be who should go to prison and never will that's the tip of the iceberg and there was an east coast conspiracy and a west coast conspiracy and over 100 operatives in the field and 15 million dollars at a conservative estimate and that is not a budget for bugging an office or burglarizing a psychiatric suite that is a budget for a coup de man and we will talk about that when we finish introducing and discussing some of the glimpses and parameters of the iceberg the first speaker is peter dale scott and dr scott is a professor of english the university of california at berkeley he's also a political scientist and he was in the canadian diplomatic corps before that he did not put on his notes to me but i know that he is a translator of

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but i know that he is a translator of poetry of great sensitivity and uh although in recent years he has come to be known for something beyond poetry and literature his book the war conspiracy and his book the politics of escalation are two of the most important books of the last decade irreplaceable footnotes to the outrage of southeast asia his essay in the pentagon papers from a special point of view is necessary reading he's been published in the new york review of books in ramparts magazine in the nation and he is the source for many researchers and writers uh who are also well known to you he is the researcher's researcher he is a kind of gray eminence of the movement that is starting to bring some lucidity i hope in the seventies to the passion that we generated in the sixties professor peter dale scott uh i'd like to begin with what i think was a a a rather strangely prophetic quotation from a law enforcement man in the federal government who said a few years back he said organized crime will put a man in the white house someday and he won't even know until they send him the bill now with what we've seen happen to america since world war ii and in a sense i'm afraid since world war one uh it is after all the function of government to mediate between the real powers in society and when organized crime becomes a real power in society and it is a real power in society today then all governors must in one way or another deal with the phenomenon of organized crime that is not what i'm going to talk about tonight there are other men in government who have received funny contributions from uh illicit sources there are some of those even in the mcgovern campaign when nixon was trying to shoot down some of the other

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to shoot down some of the other democratic candidates that is not something to attack a man for and that is not what i'm going to attack mr nixon for even though we have had men like mickey cohen or louis kung of the china lobby and people like that admitting that they've put money into nixon's campaign funds from time to time in the past there are certain things to be explained and one is why is it at this time of crisis for the nation when nixon is now almost alone he's lost his whole white house staff he's lost some of the strongest men in his cabinet he goes he appears in public with ziegler who used to be a a tour guide at disneyland who does he spend his time with these days he retires to secret places he goes to the bahamas we all know who he's spending his time with he's spending his time with bibi raboso so i will begin and i i don't know if that's just a joke frankly i don't i don't think it is i'd like to say a few words about bibi raboso whom nixon first met nobody knows for sure when either 1948 or 1950 or 1951 apparently because nixon is a good gambler and as a gambler has always been at home down in miami and was very much at home down there back in 1948 and 49 and 50 where as you remember it was the first place that had to be investigated by senator keith falver and his touring committee because it was the hotels and uh and restaurants and cafes that had been so infiltrated by organized crime now bibi raboso made his first money during the war recapping tires and he's never had to go to court for it although it is now established that he got into the recap a tire recapping business by a loan from somebody who was the in the local opa tire board and that was clearly a conflict of interest nobody's ever had to answer for it one

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nobody's ever had to answer for it one of raboso's early and intimate business associates down there in miami is a man who did go to court and was convicted for black market activities world in world war ii i only mentioned his name walter friedrich because raboso and friedrich have since gone into at least one business deal together with richard nixon in the 1960s bibi raboso makes a friend with somebody in the small business administration and there again is a clear conflict of interest here when roboso starts getting loans from the small business administration and cutting in the local administrator and some of his land deals which again involve richard nixon i want to mention one of those in particular he gets a loan from the small business administration to build a shopping center for exile cubans in miami and the man he puts in there is a former mayor of havana in the batista era who in 1968 ends up heading up a committee called you've guessed it cubans for nixon what's interesting about this deal is the man that robozo chose for his contractor to build the center he told chose big al polizzi who also appeared before the key fobber committee and although it's true that mr policy hasn't been in jail since prohibition it is also true that the federal bureau of narcotics was very interested in this man in the 1960s as they told a congressional committee he's seen in the company of top

international narcotics traffickers and they handed a memo to a congressional committee in which about big al policy in which i will quote he is one of the most influential members of the underworld in the united states now the response of the raboso people to the bad publicity about this when they came out was to say oh he gave us a low bid but that's not the whole story because

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but that's not the whole story because researchers have found many documents in which bibi raboso has been signing papers to help big al polizzi and at least one document in which big al policy was signing a petition to help out bibi raboso i want to say a little bit also about a stolen stock deal in 1968 the stock ended up in bibi raboso's bank in key biscayne uh the stock had come from one of the top syndicate fences on the east coast the go-between in the deal was one of the principal figures in the bobby baker scandals in 1964 who had helped bibi raboso get started in an earlier year when bibi didn't have much money well the stock was clearly stolen and when the insurance companies sent out a circular to all the banks in the country saying watch out for these this stolen stock uh because we've just learned it's been stolen after that circular went out bibi raboso's bank sold the stolen stock so they they didn't run into any trouble they're now being they've now since been sued by the insurance companies you might guess bibi raboso says well we checked out that stock we phoned two people one was james crosby the head of resorts international that runs a big casino in the bahamas that everybody says is meyer lansky's casino why would you phone a man like that about some stolen stock i wonder who was the other per he phoned two people about that stock he made a call out to the west coast to don nixon the brother of the president the man who figured in the hughes loan back in 1958 this is the man who nixon sees today and more importantly and i wouldn't have mentioned any of this if it weren't for the fact that he's also the man who has helped nixon made his shrewd investments in florida real estate for at least the last 12 years and i'd like to mention just two of those deals that we know

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just two of those deals that we know about one was the fisher island deal in uh in miami harbor this was a political speculation people had bought land on this island in the hope that they could get the miami city council to build a causeway out to the island which obviously if they did would drive the land values up very much drive them up very high in the bobby baker hearings we find a reference to this island into this deal because one of the people who admitted having transmitted funds as kickbacks to bobby baker talked explained his presence in miami back in 1960 by saying that the man he represented who was clint murkisson down in texas the big oil millionaire a man who's put money into nixon's campaigns for many many years he explained this man tom webb said i was down in miami because murkisson and i were interested in getting a causeway built and the man who was putting pressure on the miami city council is a man called leonard burstin who i will come back to later but who was a man who lobbied frequently for the murkersons and for the teamsters and it seems quite clear that the merchants were hoping to get a teamster's pension fund loan to build that causeway out to that island all of this figures because i've been told frequently though i've never seen it in print that when mr nixon lived out here in calif in los angeles he lived in truesdale estates which was another real estate deal funded by the murkissons with the help of the teamsters pension fund well um uh i i i i'll come back to the name um the name leonard burstin later but there's another deal uh that raboso got nixon into in ki biscayne which is a much more

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in ki biscayne which is a much more suspicious deal because this land is land that has been churned through many many successive owners in the 26 years now since 1946 the end of world war ii but at any stage you want to look you do see links to organized crime at the very beginning the land was bought by a cuban uh emmy gray politician called jose aleman he was an emmy gray because according to cuban source he's he'd stolen anywhere between 60 million dollars and 170 million dollars of the cuban official treasury and i'm not making up these exaggerated figures if you go back to the press in 1946 47 48 you'll see many public references to this to this theft and to the fact that it was later invested in at least 50 million dollars worth of

florida real estate then and you can imagine how much that would be worth now actually federal investigators at the time suspected that the story about stealing the money might be just a cover story and that i'm quite serious about that in fact that a lot of this money might be money that lucky luciano had taken out of the country money that had been made in the narcotics traffic and was now being brought back in under the cover of jose aleman well whatever it is that land has gone through many many owners since then i'll just mention for example the law a law firm that was involved in fending off the internal revenue people who were very interested in these deals uh the law one of the lawyers was named in the key file for hearings for his role in corrupting the local sheriff of miami another partner of that law firm this is land dealing with land which is now owned by richard nixon and bibi raboso one of the members of that law firm is today a fugitive from justice because of his role in a stock deal

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because of his role in a stock deal in which he was indicted with none other than the brother of the president of resorts international that bibi raboso phoned to make sure that his stock wasn't stolen another law firm was involved in included one lawyer who was named to the bench by richard nixon uh and was on the bench in case in time to hear the case which involved bibi raboso's stolen stock and it was it's no surprise to me at any rate that he ruled in favor of the bank of key biscayne raboso's bank and against the new york insurance company that case for sure will be appealed and i suspect that all of us will be hearing more about that case before it is through the main real estate company that was involved in churning these deals through owners after owner was called keys realty about which many questions were asked in the key follower hearings in 1950 and today we're interested in that company again because one of its vice presidents a man called eugenio martinez resigned in 1971 and set up his own little real estate venture called ameritus which many people suspect was in fact a front for the watergate operation because it's certainly a matter of record now that eugenio martinez was found in the democratic headquarters in last june and has since been convicted for his part in the watergate conspiracy well i could go on and on in this way i i just to like to bring it up to the present by saying that today richard nixon holds some of that land he didn't declare the laws for four years uh and he and uh it now seems that he didn't register his ownership of those lots because he knew very well that the mortgages on that land were still being held by a man called arthur

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still being held by a man called arthur desser who was very close to the teamsters fund had bought the land with the help of a teamsters loan and had drawn special attention to himself by being in 1963 one of the directors of a bank called the miami national bank down in miami which a democratic attorney district attorney later established and this has never been challenged was while mr desser was a director of it being used primarily as a conduit to launder funds coming out of myerlansky's casinos in las vegas and another of the directors at this time was the same james lawrence king whom nixon appointed to the bench there's a very tight organization there in miami and you might say well what's the california connection in that well i could bring it back to california in many ways but i only have as i said 10 minutes and so what i'll do is just read the first paragraph of a story which came out recently in the oakland tribune who i think can be trusted on this particular story uh two nixon x aids linked to teamster union fund pro and i'll just read the first paragraph a former top white house aide to president nixon who reportedly raised sizable secret funds from teamster union officials some of you may recognize that is murray chartner an old friend an old name for many of you here um secret campaigns funds later in the story it says with over a million dollars from teamster union officials pension funds and las vegas gamblers interceded in the massive federal investigation of some teamsters leaders and their associates in the beverly ridge estates scandal here in los angeles which i'm sure many of you remember who got indicted finally in that scandal one of the men who got indicted for the abuse of t of teamsters pension funds was the same

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of teamsters pension funds was the same leonard burstin who was trying to arrange for the causeway to be built out to fisher's island back in 1959 and 1960. now there was a man called irving davidson again a lobbyist for the teamsters a lobbyist for the murkissons a registered agent for the foreign government of nicaragua and i think i will close by bringing this back to nixon by quoting from a letter which irving davidson as agent for nicaragua sent to louis somosa the dictator of nicaragua back in 1960 at the time of the democratic convention then where he said i have made available to the johnson camp that's the lyndon johnson camp at the democratic convention the strength at al of the labor money delegates hospitality votes etc which i will make available to the republican nominee in chicago at the end of this month the services that i have made available to them are invaluable since through 900 locals throughout the united states i have made available to them 12 000 militant uh workers and then a little later uh he sent another message to samoso saying uh you can be sure that if it is not johnson it will be nixon and we will be with the winner now i'd like to uh come back to a theme mentioned by one or two other people tonight we mustn't just think it's all nixon or all haldeman or all erlichmann or all mitchell what it really is is the system that goes to both conventions and tries to make sure that in both parties they have lined up a candidate who will be subservient in that way who make these enormous amounts of money available the significance of the relatively paltry land deals that nixon has been involved in and that i have been talking about tonight is in that

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tonight is in that showing to them that he is available for these little deals he has made them he has made himself their man he cannot now turn around and attack them and expose them and that explains this spinelessness of the man through the last six months and it is uh i think time i think in in that context to close i have gone over my time by repeating what it was that ralph salerno said organized crime will put a man in the white house someday and he won't even know it until they send him the bill i would like to introduce a philosopher and historian richard popkin from the university of california at san diego whose uh sensational series later incorporated into a book called the second oswald made history in the most prestigious american intellectual and literary magazine newspaper the new york review of books um he his work his research as a historian and a philosopher uh has had to take and give equal place to his work uh in this field which has now come to the fore this decade of conspiracy from dallas to the watergate dr richard popkin thank you for years those of us who thought it might be the case the murders of john kennedy martin luther king robert kennedy and the wounding of governor wallace might be the result of some sort of conspiratorial action by parties unknown were treated as paranoid crackpots every political assassination in the last decade we were told was the work of one lone nut lee harvey oswald james earl ray searhan sirhan and arthur bremmer each isolated individuals with no contacts with anyone from the day of kennedy's death in 1963

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from the day of kennedy's death in 1963 the one lone nut theory became an axiom of historical explanation for american events alan dulles laid head of the cia told the first meeting of the warren commission that he had researched the matter back to early american history and always found that in america political assassinations were always the work of one individual there were never conspiratorial plots when dulles was asked about lincoln's case he said one man so dominated the plot that amounted to a one lone nut case the rest of the world could have conspiracies but not the united states we could have the mafia industrial cartels but we couldn't have political conspiracies when nixon became our president his legal mentor john mitchell found types of political conspiracies unheard of before in chicago he discovered that people had never met each other had never communicated with each other had conspired to cause riots at the democratic convention he found a similar situation in seattle a little later on he found that priests and nuns were conspiring to blow up tunnels in washington and to kidnap our leading national asset henry kissinger and he found that daniel ellsberg and tony russo had conspired to portray the secrets of the disasters of our vietnam policy to the american people john mitchell despite an eagle eye for political conspiracy managed to miss the major ones around him the head of his criminal justice division had to resign for being part of a bank scandal in texas the watergate buggers met in mitchell's office with him and he never noticed they were engaged in the political conspiracy he helped to pay for the watergate seven for their trials for their silence and

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for their trials for their silence and saw no conspiracy involved we now know that mitchell was part of a gigantic conspiracy to re-elect the president by any means necessary as a conspiracy has been revealed up to this point we know that began in the wake of the catastrophic mitchell directed campaign of 1970 developed through the mitchell directed persecution new york times for the publication of the pentagon papers through a disaster of nixon's pakistan policy and the itt scandal a minor conspiracy to corrupt the justice department in order to make millions the conspiracy as known so far involved the political destruction of democratic candidates burglary wiretapping the use of the cia fbi and sec for political purposes the use of millions collected illegally from assorted millionaires and shady businessmen the sabotaging of the campaign and so on step by step the watergate conspiracy achieved its goal the re-election of the president when watergate occurred the official explanation was an expanded one loan nut theory mitchell at first said might have been ordered by one of mccord's private clients he actually said this the day after next we are told it was a third-rate burglary done by clowns a caper finally there was seven lone nuts working in isolation who for reasons known only to themselves like to listen to phone calls to democratic leaders certainly a bizarre incident then when the greatest bugger of them all james mccord decided to spill the beans nixon told us there were startling new developments although the president has not seen fit

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although the president has not seen fit to tell us what these were we now know that these included the confirmation of mccord's story and the confession of magruder as well as dean's decision to reveal watergate west the robbery of dr fielding's office in the period of one month we've been treated to the revelation of the most high level conspiracy criminal conspiracy in american history directed by the chief aides of the president involving the chiefs of the fbi and the cia top operatives of the latter the leaders of the justice department nationwide sabotage squads and who knows who else all this involving the commission of all sorts of felonies done to re-elect the president the rationale for the amazing events as far as we've been told was that the president went into a fury about the fact that some people opposed him we're told he can't stand criticism can't stand people except for erlichmann haldeman and proposal and his family hospital had to be destroyed because quote the president got angry the picture we now have is the president has been and still is a completely isolated individual who never reads the newspapers or watches tv except for the washington redskins game the president has violent reactions and then acts in unpredictable ways all this adds up to the president being one lonely nut presiding over a fantastic conspiratorial apparatus that sees its opposition as a paranoid conspiracy to be destroyed by any means legal or otherwise in view of what is already public knowledge the ins conspiracy involved keeping teddy kennedy from running weakening senators musky humphrey and jackson

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jackson framing ellsberg and russo pushing for mcgovern in eagleton's nomination destruction of eagleton the arrangement the sabotage of the campaign then the conspiracy went on corrupting the head of the fbi and lots of others to obstruct justice after nixon's statement in august about dean's report and kleindy's claim that the investigation of the watergate was the most thorough one since the warren commission everyone should have been alerted a thought is sweeping the country is such a monumental conspiracy could have been going on involving top officials and the fbi and the cia financed by money of millionaires all over the country then maybe maybe four major events that determine the history of the last decade the shootings john kennedy martin luther king robert kennedy and governor wallace might also have been the results of such conspiracies each case was quickly closed declared the result of the actions of an isolated power powerless nut but now that we know the level of conspiratorial activity perhaps the many loose ends inconsistencies in these areas are due to similar conspiracies many important people are now considering these possibilities to speak the unspeakable has occurred to many the conspiracy to re-elect the president would not have worked without the shooting of governor wallace the conspiracy might have resulted in mcgovern's nomination as box campaign but if governor wallace had also run we would not know tonight who had been elected the

votes would still be being counted scenarios like that in don freed and mark lane's novel executive action might have seen far out when written last year mainly the idea that the c i a right-wing politicians and texas millionaires might have conspired to kill the

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might have conspired to kill the president now is such a scenario implausible or even improbable all sorts of crimes were committed to reelect the president why not to change presidents some still shrink and say robbery bugging perjury are not like killing yet we know that a branch of our government engages in political assassination outside the country the former head of the political assassination division of the cia mr colby has just last week been nominated to head the cia at the moment i know only of a few items that suggest a connection the watergate and the previous political assassinations but in each of the assassinations there's much that remains suspicious and investigators have met with almost total frustration by the governmental authorities in gaining access to information courts have refused to entertain motions for re-hearings even the most suspicious case that germs are already much material regarding john kennedy still is classified it's time to demand a reopening of all four cases so we can discover whether or not we've been living in a continuous conspiracy or a continuous series of conspiracies from dallas to watergate we must retain regain confidence in and control over our government part of this will involve the fate of our president i like others think the lonely nut could be impeached for what is now known but given the unprecedented nature of the situation i'm trying to start a suit to annul the last election on grounds of fraud and theft of the election my lawyer judge roger ruffin of san diego is prepared to launch the suit with other lawyers and plaintiffs will join with us if we can go back a year or a decade

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if we can go back a year or a decade maybe we can finally go forward and work on our genuine and basic social problems so let's found a committee to diselect the president thank you i now will only describe three charts which give you the roughest kind of overview of operation gemstone this is the chain of command and it's laid out like an espionage or intelligence network for it's as if a group were invading the united states from within in order to bring about a coup de man that is a stealthy fatal blow from within the government for it had nothing to do finally with the re-election of the president since he led in the polls by enormous numbers after the wallace assassination attempt it had to do with power not re-election for four more years if you remember the reichstag fire was engineered by the third reich after not before but after hitler was chancellor he was already chancellor what he was not yet was dictator here we have organized crime corrupt unions big business and intelligence fronts their creature is nixon mitchell is his internal security agent and a gyroscopic career that covers the funding and the network and chain of command but the two station chiefs to stick to the clandestine vocabulary are on the we have here the west coast holdem and the station chief uh shaping the executive cut off strong the field cut off segrete the control and on the west coast were to be black chicano and jesus freaks hired his arjun provocateur in san diego to cause violence in the streets while explosions took place with inside the convention hall at which point evidence would have been found in the democratic national

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found in the democratic national committee in washington on forged letterhead which would have made the election nothing but a mechanical gesture as they would in all effects have been canceled the country nixon's overwhelming mandate would have gone forward and e howard hunt and james mccord were far more than simple ex-fbi and cia agents they were super agents each of who sat on pentagon national security committees who were to come to life in times of crisis and emergency to censorship in the censorship of news and the round up of dissidents and rebellious elements now i'm paraphrasing the sad sad group mccord and hunt until the day of their arrests sat on special pentagon emergency committees the east coast is charles coulson liddy is the executive cut off hunt the field cut off record the control and the field agents from the east coast were to be anti-castro cubans as you've seen and young americans for freedom

those same forces now who've intervened in the bradley campaign to try to make jane fonda the issue and to try to create a number of provocative incidents to distract both from watergate nationally the bradley campaign locally hunt is one of the founders of young american for freedom young americans for freedom as were other right-wing central intelligence agency elements coulson and we could perhaps get into this and a larger discussion in a few weeks from now polson in my opinion was the professional he hired hunt the other super agent coulson is a double agent he was named you noticed yesterday on the television hearings when they said what was mr colson's job he was liaison from the committee to reelect the president to who said wyker all to the american legion to other groups he was liaison to far more other groups

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he was liaison to far more other groups than the american legion and it is coulson alone who may escape indictment it is coulson who set some of these others up moral morons that they are they did not dream up operation gemstone it was professional it was military it was war and it was done by professionals and then venal ambitious and ideological fanatics men like holdemon ehrlichman dean fools and knaves and ideologues were used and acted on it and furthered it and they have been caught and they will be indicted and they will go to jail whether the mystery man charles coulson with his links to the neo-fascist elements in this country will go we'll be exposed or not we do not know that's something that we have to be concerned with and not just the cover-up next is the cash flow the lines in green is cash it comes from organized crime corrupt unions big business and intelligence fronts it's washed it goes in to stand safe and hold them and safe and then the conduits are combat and sagretti on the west coast lydia and barker on the east coast here's the cover-up chart uh nixon and ziekler at the head the white house cover-up the burning and destruction of files is holdem and erlich mundine peterson and the justice department the covert uh the buying off of people the summer nation of perjury and the in the case of dorothy hunt as in the case of deena beard and martha mitchell the three acts of violence so far one of them resulting in a death are the three women who have been the victims of acts of violence dorothy hunt is dead but mitchell magruder come back hunt during the dead dorothy hunt and she was the link to the contract agents in the middle from ziegler is colson again the yaf right-wing media and overt public propaganda the attempt to destroy uh senator irvin the attempt to make the

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senator irvin the attempt to make the pentagon papers jane fonda and others the attempt to say that there would be riots in the street and that there would be that there would be violence in san diego and in miami that same blind mindless mechanical paranoid anti-communism or anti-insurgency which is justified a quarter of a century of cold war was of course as friends for non the third world psychoanalyst predicted in the third phase of violence it comes home to the mother country richard nixon was the creature in the conduit for the violence that america has visited in pitiless and remorseless style and fashion for 25 years it's flowed it's backed up now it's been reversed in the field by the enormous victories of the people in indochina it's flowed backward to america and is now washing over us and we are bound hand and foot now like so many natives in so many foreign countries and we now too can strip off those those bounds we cannot fall lower america's become the name of a nervous disease and this tip of the iceberg and the huge monolith of the iceberg that professors pop could and scott have described to us should be just the first step in bringing information to the people acting coherently and logically talking with groups in churches in lodges in our political parties in our political clubs in our neighborhoods knowing the right to know and the need to know and then taking many many steps the first of which is the expungement from american life of these scum who have bombed women and children abroad and duped the american public at home tonight you will hear participants from our previous watergate special donald freed and richard popkin expand their analysis and scenarios on the watergate conspiracy

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watergate conspiracy mr freed has written executive action a novel a fact about the assassination of president kennedy he sees a link between the death of kennedy and the present-day political sabotage professor popkin shares this belief in a conspiracy being responsible for the 1963 assassination he also sees a conspiratorial link between watergate and the deaths of robert kennedy martin luther king and the attempted murder of george wallace some of this information that you will hear tonight will actually be a preview of the senate select committee's hearings which will be broadcast live on kpfk this program was produced by stephen blum the watergate break-in was nothing but a dramatic incident that was a convenient rallying point for the media the tip of the iceberg began with the watergate break-in the iceberg itself has to be seen as a vast and monolithic superstructure i'm talking now only about the tip of the iceberg operation gemstone has to be described in the terminology and diagram of a clandestine intelligence operation exactly as one would describe a coup de man a stealthy attempt from within the government to take power not electoral power not simply four more years but the kind of power which no democracy with its checks and balances allows now the superstructure that i've abstracted on this chart and indeed on all of them is organized crime corrupt unions big business a kind of a label especially for the national uh organizations and intelligence fronts the intelligence front in operation gemstone is the committee to re-elect the president nixon and mitchell nixon is of course the representative in every way of these

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representative in every way of these forces and has been so since he first answered a classified ad to run for congress those many years ago one of the sponsors of that ad is about to be indicted he's from san diego and dr popkin will talk about him mitchell played the role of internal security the president's agent that is to say who was responsible for monitoring what came in and what flowed out of the white house the east coast is represented here by charles colson he would be the equivalent of a station chief in the way that in a foreign country a diplomat is a diplom represents the united states interests but the central intelligence agency will work out of the american embassy in a foreign country and from there the clandestine the training of police the various propaganda operations uh will go forward and of course these activities center around usually elections in these countries as in chile for example coulson would be the equivalent then of the station chief the man in charge of plans and it's as if of course that we were simply natives and or colonized subjects and a group of settlers or neocolonialists were organizing in a clandestine manner from within the country and from within the government to set a to to take to set in motion the equivalent american style of a military push or a coup de man but it would be from within the government from within power itself in the same way that the reichstag incident was staged after hitler was chancellor not before but after he was already chancellor he had the

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he was already chancellor he had the majority of the vote what he did not have was dictatorial power and that is why long after nixon ran way ahead of mcgovern in the polls it was not stupidity that kept this operation gemstone in motion the winning and the reelection of the presidency was only a minor and first step in operation gemstone under colson comes gordon liddy and he would be known in clandestine terms as the executive cut off and you can see that it took the most intense pressure to break this compartmentalization down liddy for the longest time was the beginning and the end of the conspiracy and so the government argued before judge sarika the compartmentalization held until mccord broke under liddy is hunt the field cut off and under hunt is mccord the control or agent handler the man who runs the contract agents in the field and under mccord on the east coast of course were yaf young americans for freedom anti-castro cubans uh and some other right-wing uh forces almost all associated with the central intelligence agency not as employees none of these people exist in the central intelligence agency files they are what are called contract agents they do not exist on paper on the west coast haldeman is the station chief and when these charts are revised erlachmann will be in that little box with him but holdeman and erlichmann are the equivalent of the diplomat at an american mission or at an american embassy the diplomatic representation of the white house coulson is the professional the super conspirator holdemon and the others are shall we say consummate and brilliant amateurs

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brilliant amateurs but they are amateurs and although they did everything to finance and forward and cover up operation gemstone they did not think it up there was plenty of input as they like to say in the advertising agencies that spawned men like haldeman and ziegler and dean and others but this conspiracy is my argument in the argument of the citizens research and investigating committee is the work of a professional the professionals are colson and hunt basically with mccord as the technician holdemon and erlichmann then would be the equivalent of ambassadors or diplomats chapin would be the executive cut-off for the west coast wing of operation gemstone um uh chapin and strawn rather it would be the field cut offs chapin the executive cut off strong the field cut off donald segretti the controller agent handler and he would run the agents on the west coast the contract agents those would have been black chicano jesus freaks they were being hired they were being organized the final act the bottom line of operation gemstone were riots in the streets in san diego sponsored by arjun provocateur and violence through the use of explosives with inside the convention hall this violence would have been laid at the door of anti-war liberal left radical mcgovern forces the proof the proof would have been a variation on the pentagon papers theme information in the democratic national committee headquarters in washington at watergate would have been leaked from the files tying mcgovern to these forces where would this information have come from and this is new information tonight that information was being planted on june 16 17 1972

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on june 16 17 1972 when mccord and the others in evening clothes and rubber gloves were arrested at gunpoint that operation gemstone was aborted and we saw only vestigial evidence of it when agnew and others with the vietnam veterans against the war attempted to point out provocation coming from anti-war forces of course it did not materialize and they knew it would not and so the use widespread use of ajahn provocators when san diego because of itt and other reasons had to be given up and the movement was to miami where the demonstrations could be controlled more perfectly then cubans and young americans for freedom replaced black chicano and jesus freaks the contract arjun provocateurs from the west coast this would in effect have cancelled the elections there would have been an election but you can expect nixon to have gotten 95 to 99 percent of the vote had gop notables lost their lives in explosions inside the gop convention and proof been leaked from the dnc that this was tied to mcgovern in all intents and purposes the operation gemstone would have been in high gear and from the pow extravaganza they would have gone directly into the american revolutionary bicentennial program which was to use thai and labor unions students schools service groups churches armed forces groups american legion groups business industry banking savings and loan decals would have been spread across the country any group or individual without a decal would have been highly visible as being an american it would have been made the mccarthy era look like peanuts because instead of identifying unamerican elements it would simply have identified american elements and that is a feta complete and the

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and that is a feta complete and the american bicentennial which was which has not come until 1976 was precisely for that reason begun four years early in 1972. and the is would have eventuated in parades in extravaganzas in torchlight uh demonstrations the lenny rifenstahl films of hitler germany in the 30s were being studied by the committee for the american bicentennial and we could have looked forward to enormous sports stadium spectaculars with lights and flags and excitement not to say hysteria that would have been modeled very closely on the spectaculars of the third reich in germany in the 1930s that was the plan to go from gemstone to the pows to the bicentennial but it was aborted uh partially and we now have some small insight and we must seize this lever this thin end of the wedge which the media and other forces have developed and push as never before the next chart is the cash flow again organized crime corrupt unions big business intelligence front the money is washed as they say in clandestine vocabulary uh part of it goes into the broken line is the washed money it goes from stands to aldermen into combat on the west coast the primary conduit is haldeman the president's personal council at kambak to sagretti to the field

agents and these coast its liddy to barker the cuban to the field agents the money you can speak forever about it it goes as deep and as broad as you wish to discuss that's just a very high order abstraction of some of the cash flow it goes up over 10 million dollars for

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it goes up over 10 million dollars for operation gemstone approximating a third of the some 50 million dollars raised for the re-election of the president over 10 million dollars and over a hundred field agents identified at this point this is proof positive that we are not contemplating a budget or an itinerary or the recruitment for a break-in of several offices one in beverly hills one in washington several in new york the break the break-in uh is is the not even the tip of the iceberg the last chart is the cover-up and which is still in motion uh through from the white house itself through ziggler missing on there is viva of course and the pow which has to be prominently described through coulson the master of propaganda through young americans for freedom viva right-wing media that's the open overt propaganda campaign to cover up the attempt to get jane fonda the attempt to shift the headlines and so forth that battle has partially already been lost by the white house and that of course is what is fatal uh that's why it's terribly important that the urban plan of a slow steady development means everything because in ratio to the amount of time that elapses now is how much can come out the covert on the white house the burning and destruction of documents of course goes haldeman ehrlichman dean gray peterson and the justice department that's the outright covert destruction of evidence the buying off the the use of money of bribery and of threats runs down from mitchell to magruder combat hunt dorothy hunt also a longtime cia agent howard hunt's wife who's dead uh evidence points to her having been murdered as she tried to get

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having been murdered as she tried to get out of operation gemstone and was talking to the press beginning to talk to the press she's dead and from there to the contract agents who were some of them already in jail some of them around the country waiting to see whether they would be paid off at this point i'll save whatever else i have to say for a question and answer period and uh introduce uh someone to you who's a really very extraordinary person um he's well known for his book which was a really a classic of meticulous research the second oswald which was serialized in the new york review of books and published by avon and was a was the one book that dealt in a popular sense uh for those who didn't understand ballistics and logistics and the scientific data of dallas the second oswald was a shocking and um unarguable uh uh proof of a conspiracy uh but besides he happens to be a very well-known philosopher and historian and um formerly head of the philosophy department at ucsd and a very wide-ranging career indeed in politics and literature and history and philosophy and someone you're going to enjoy very much i think and who it's my pleasure to unleash now professor richard popkin thank you and each time one talks about the watergate can't tell what the state of the argument is unless you heard the car radio a minute ago and so uh i spoke up in los angeles two weeks ago but i think things have moved so fast and so far that i'd like to deal with a different aspect of it first today i think we'll be dealing with another aspect a week or so from now what seems to be the central issue which is going to be the bombshell of next week is what is referred to in the original

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is what is referred to in the original introduction this 1970 plan to get rid of all the opponents in the united states the plan was stolen from the white house by mr dean and placed in the safe deposit box keys were given the judge sarika the white house first apparently didn't know what he had stolen i'm not sure they know to this day all that he's stolen since they seem to be mainly concerned about one document and they gingerly start asking for their papers back good old judge sarika offered them their papers back after he xeroxed him and gave a set to the irwin committee and senator simonton's committee it's through symington that we're beginning to get some clues as to what this is all about senator simonton said on the 22nd of may this is the most fantastic document i've ever read he's given a couple of interviews to st louis post dispatch and some to the new york times and the washington post in the meantime as nixon and his friends

appreciate what had been taken nixon we're told in the latest issue with time magazine got all that remains of his staff his few remaining friends to work feverishly on this incredible 4000 word document that was issued last week and it's the first time the history of the presidency of the united states and anything like this has happened the president has been issuing a lawyer's brief won't discuss it but has to make sure it's on the record before things move too fast nixon says i don't know if people had the patience to go through it but one third of it of the document is on the stolen paper of mr dean and nixon says in his statement the

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and nixon says in his statement the documents spelling out this 1970 plan are extremely sensitive they include and are based upon assessments of certain foreign intelligence capabilities and procedures which of course must remain secret and if one reads through nixon's description of the importance of keeping this secret the main point of his talk or at least one of the major points is to try and keep this a classified secret document since nixon's talk there have been analyses of it in new york times in the washington post in time newsweek the london observer all based upon leaked information as to what's in this 1970 plan and just today this morning we heard that senator irvin is just horrified having read for the first time what this 1970 plan is senator wyker yesterday was giving a commencement address in connecticut on it and weiker says about it we've heard in recent days there's a slogan within elements of the justice department that the constitution is not meant to be a suicide pact and the rewriting of it in the 1970 plan is to make sure it's not a suicide pact for certain people but what's the plan as far as we know from new york times has published four articles on it the washington post has had several time magazine goes through a fairly careful putting together of it without ever quoting it that the plan as nixon tells us grew out of a catastrophic situation in 1970 when the fbi had stopped taking the white house seriously on what it was supposed to investigate

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and then new york times has gotten a fair amount of background that nixon they couldn't get the fbi to take it seriously then try to get the cia the cia found that what was supposed to be investigated was to find out the foreign sources of the revenue of the students the black panthers and the arabs in america and for some reason the arabs in america figure very large in this as we'll see in a moment the cia sent nixon a 200-page analysis of what he was asking for trying to teach them some elementary sociology that the country was in ferment because there are problems in the country that racism happens go on and some people don't like it that the vietnam war was going on and the students didn't like it and hence they didn't needs foreign support foreign agitation they had enough local problems to get them started with the fbi and the cia refusing to cooperate were then told by nixon that the matter was so serious that he called an emergency meeting of all the chiefs of intelligence of the two large agencies the fbi and the cia the national security agency defense intelligence agency and some other small secret ones to sit around and figure out what to do they drafted a plan hoover was the head of the committee they drafted a plan which was sent to the president most of the work in the plan is by the manners referred to in your introduction mr houston in which they were going back were told to procedures that had been carried on in this country from 1941 to 66 procedures which senator simonton

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to 66 procedures which senator simonton called a license for unlimited burglary nixon called with a new euphemism that will go down history a means of surreptitious entry the plan apparently was to burglarize all the opponents and to burglarize embassies that might be giving the money it's also a plan to intercept the mail cut off communications and whatever else was necessary and i think we're going to find some rather amazing things because both simington and irwin have promised to print the plan next week but we're told what they were doing was a series of activities that had been going on in this country by the fbi from 1941 to 66 that they were stopped in 1966 almost casually by ramsey clark when he was asked by the fbi if they minded if he burglar if they burglarized another embassy and he reports he told him it's illegal it's unconstitutional and wrote it all out for him and hoover kept his letter possibly kept it under his pillow but had

it with him in 1970 when nixon wanted to start this all over again that hoover wrote a series of objections to the order and these objections include the news he got from ramsey clark that all happens to be illegal time magazine indicates that the purloined paper of mr dean is hoover's copy that's a copy with annotations by hoover and so all the reasons he's giving for why he won't do it it went to the president

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it went to the president or at least since nobody talks to the president we have reason to believe it went to the president the copy is marked the president's copying not either mr haldeman erlichman's or mitchell's or anybody else but the copy that's in existence is the president's copy so we don't went to him we don't know whether he read it any rate uh he issued the order in spite of all of hoover's objections and hoover just apparently refused to do anything about it five days later the order was withdrawn and the president says baldi was never implemented and since it was never implemented were then told in a background story in the new york times that crisis broke out as to what the hell were they going to do if they couldn't carry on their business this way and the crisis as reported by president's present council mr garment was they were convinced the arabs in this country are about to do something awful i can't and if one remembers the world if you see another xerox page the world of summer in 1970 number of arabs in america was not a very large number but in spite of this as the garment reports that we're going to have meetings here's a page uh try and settle a middle east question here we were on the eve of mideast talks with information the arab commandos were going to start killing leaders in the jewish community in america what were we going to do were helpless so what he says what they did is they asked the israelis about it and the suggestion in the interview is not only ask the israelis the israelis did it burglarized whatever embassy had to be burglarized and quieted down their nerves for a moment but in quieting down their nerves

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but in quieting down their nerves they then found a state of affairs in which the major intelligence agencies wouldn't accept the paranoid interpretation of the world that was emanating from the white house and the white house wasn't going to give up its paranoid interpretation and so it's from this that various agencies we just discovered existing came into being the internal evaluation services and the intelligence evaluation service and something else which mccord stumbled upon was getting memos from and jack anderson's been publishing their memos which are extremely paranoid about the riot in san francis san diego which they're talking about half a million people coming to san diego they're buying thousands of guns and making armored tanks this whole scheme and the paranoia that's involved in it actually begins with nixon's arrival on the scene first thing mitchell gets involved in as head of the justice department is a decision in the supreme court in 1969 about wiretapping supreme court rules against mitchell's side and mitchell unlike any other secretary of the justice department before him interferes with the process of the supreme court and we've learned he sent somebody around to try and get the supreme court to reconsider the case on the grounds there is national security that they didn't realize supreme court refused to consider it so mitchell made a decision that it was up to him to decide whether national security warranted wiretapping and took from 1969 to 1971 to get the court to decide that mitchell can't write the laws himself

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can't write the laws himself they have to be passed by somebody and it doesn't happen to be a law which says that the justice department has the right to wiretap who it wants so from 1969 to 71 we know he was doing it and was doing it partly because of these leaks from the government but mainly it appears because of that panic about the blacks the students and the counter culture and one element which i think is going to loom large in this that one of the things that starts immediately along with nick mitchell's desire to wiretap is the repression of the drug culture and operation intercept which is september 1969 is part of this overall scheme to suppress all the tendencies that nixon and his friends couldn't stand and i think we're going to find that some of what was going on in the background of operation gemstone is involved with the drug problem the story appeared a couple of weeks ago in the washington post that within the first month that nixon was in

office some leading pharmacologist was called to washington and told by eagle crow later one of the plumbers that if he didn't agree with the white house on what to do about the drug problem and the pharmacologists from cornell had the view that one should treat it as a medical problem and investigate it medically he was told if he didn't agree with the white house as a police problem that the white house would destroy him where eagle crows words to him and apparently they went ahead and tried to destroy the research of anybody who didn't agree with them well it's all these efforts to get control of the opposition they saw that after the fbi the cia wouldn't cooperate then they start creating their own units and then we're told

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their own units and then we're told that our president went out of his mind got absolutely furious didn't know what this man ellsberg was likely to do if he'd do something as terrible as give new york times those papers god knows what else he might do and they immediately had to go find out what sort of a demon they were dealing with and hence dispatch of hunt lydia and the cubans to los angeles to go get into the psychiatrist apparently when the fbi asked the psychiatrist was ellsberg crazy and he wouldn't discuss the case that wasn't enough so they had to find out more and hunts uh what's the term they use they had to find out about his prosecutability since they seem to thought he really was crazy anybody who would do something in this order and as a result of ellsberg that we get the plumbers and no agency other than the one in the white house is sufficient to deal with this and from then on the plumbers are going around burglarizing and we're gradually finding out more and more burglaries i think we're up to five and it seems from the scheduling of these things that hunt never took a day off and any day he was in a city where his place worth burglarizing they did it and something i'm baffled about it in terms of your charts in terms of our uh general view that hunt must be the best spy this country had he always burglarizes with a crowbar but the job that was done in los angeles it was done in the watergate that was done in the naacp headquarters in new york it was done in the greenspun safe in las vegas are all done with crowbars and they just make a mess out of the place and there's absolutely no effort to

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and there's absolutely no effort to hide the fact that the robbery has gone on and what's surprising is given the amount of robbery that occurs everybody except for the democrats assumed it was normal robbery and made nothing out of it and now suddenly everybody's realizing that their robbery was something more significant and we're beginning to get the pattern out of this well with all this set up then we start getting the actual operation gemstone and i think the operation the actual operation gemstone stems from the 1970 campaign that mr mitchell who i think will find is much more the evil genius of all this than he now appears since the present stage of the argument it's mr dean leaking a lot of information as to what's wrong with haldeman and erlichmann and next stage after we get done with the dean 1970 paper then i think we'll get back to what's wrong with mr mitchell and mr mitchell was nixon's campaign manager for 1970 in which the republicans were going to gain control of congress they were going to gain control of congress by this law and order campaign of suppressing the counter culture and you may remember the campaign came to a bad end in san jose when nixon appeared in a parade a riot occurred somebody a so-called riot somebody threw a rock at him took the reporters about an hour to find out it's a paid rock thrower and the san jose riot failed to be this one that don describes that was going to take place at san diego where they'd really have a riot the last day of the campaign consisted of two speeches nixon raving in phoenix on tv about this riot in san jose need for law and order and so on and

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need for law and order and so on and then after him mr musky sitting calmly by his seafront in maine about how we should be reasonable consider the problems of this country and so on and the contrast between this raving maniac and muskie then made it appear to the voters as the polls indicated that mr musky was going to be the next president of the united states at this point we get what has now been labeled by charles taft the son of senator taft in his report of the fair practices affair campaign practices committee that was issued

last weekend a conscious conspiracy to violate laws to manipulate voters and to make a mockery of the democratic system of self-government mr taft's committee has published a long report giving the details as to how they did it in which structured first to make sure muskie couldn't be a candidate senator kennedy couldn't be a candidate muskie were beginning to see was destroyed by these fake letters by various people sent to break up musky meetings to disarrange a schedule to antagonize voters and i think a month or two we're going to find thousands of what don calls contact agents here who were doing nasty little things which had the effect of getting rid of all of muskie's strength because it did appear sort of amazing the muskie began 1972 as a sure winner in the democratic convention and then couldn't carry the polish ward in milwaukee or philadelphia so the job was really thorough kennedy never got off the ground as a candidate and the indication of why he didn't is that in mr hunt's papers that were given to mr gray to guard and later to burn one is the fake cables about late president kennedy the other is a file called chappaquiddick

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file called chappaquiddick and nobody's asked hunt yet as far as i know what was in the file about chappaquiddick i've asked him about the cable and he's gone into lovely detail which i'll mention some things about in a moment also mr caulfield who you may have enjoyed last week new york cop who looks like he's from a grade b night night movie who works on divorce cases and blackmails people and he calls up the white house from pay phones and things that's his story that he got called up in the motel in san clemente he's told to go out and put a dime in the booth and call up the white house the western white house to get his instructions but caulfield also says he was working on chappaquiddick but nobody again asked him what is he working on so we know of caulfield and hunt gathering enough crap about this to scare kennedy away from being a candidate muskie got sandbagged through zegretti's activities and other people's and i recently i heard just yesterday that they've been able to find that both hunt and segretti were in san diego back in february and march of 1972 arranging for people to disrupt musky's campaign if he ran the california primary so things seem to have been organized fairly far in advance and got the job done as the election season went on it wasn't all roses for nixon the itt scandal was blowing up jack anderson was publishing very damaging documents and the plumbers had to make sure that the democratic party was as weak as possible it's in may the two remarkable events occur one that a leading candidate who would

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one that a leading candidate who would have made nixon's election probably impossible george wallace suddenly gets shot and can't run for public office anymore if wallace hadn't been shot we'd still be counting the vote and still be trying to figure out who won the election that he would have gotten a third of the vote nixon would have gotten around a third and mcgovern around a third so just fortuitously one candidate who really mattered gets knocked off by as usual one lone nut and who gets very quickly tried declared insane but not so insane they can't lock him up for life and is cut off and all information about him is cut off the other amazing event is the burglarizing and the bugging of the democratic headquarters the explanation we've been given of this by the two participants who have appeared on tv mccord and barker mccord explains how he's given all this news about the riot in san diego the menace building up to the republican party and his job as security officer for the republican party what else could he do but try and find out whether it's all real and mccord was tantalizing the senators by telling him he's getting these daily reports from the intelligence evaluation service and nobody asked him what these things say unfortunately jack anderson is telling us what they say and they're just absolutely screaming about the problems of this riot in san diego barker i think is more a comedy relief to it but barca's testimony indicates that the team got sold on the view must be relevant to national security the national security somehow must be what's at issue barca tells us what he the information

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barca tells us what he the information he's given about national security was the cubans were financing mcgovern they're sending 10 to 20 million dollars so they break into the headquarters and barker admits that they're either in the wrong office so there's no such data but since they're in an office he might as well do something so he starts burglarizing and you may remember the marvelous scene when one of the senators asked barker if you can really believe that the burglarizing of the democratic headquarters has something to do with liberating cuba and barker says sometimes i get confused about these matters but he's sure he says that if mr hunt was for it must have something to do with national security of national security which all this is enveloped in from the time they get into office is a real issue if there really is something we're supposed to be worried about if the country is coming apart or there are foreign menaces and so on why can't it be explained why can't they actually state what the problem is and what has to be done to safeguard the country and find out if people want the country saved or not if they want it saved what price it'll take to save it instead of explaining it this quotation i gave you from wyker's speech yesterday that people regard the um the constitution as a suicide pact if it really is a suicide pact in this day and age and it's perfectly possible a document written in 1787 isn't really applicable in 1973 then some real effort should be made to consider what the state of affairs is what laws we do need if we're really in danger what

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if we're really in danger what constitutional changes ought to be made instead nothing like this gets proposed instead we're told the government was helpless they had to do something to defend national security so they do all these illegal things instead of trying to explain for the congress to the populace that we're really in a bind and a fix and we need new laws the couple of attempts to explain the problem was so preposterous they didn't convince anybody the first attempt to explain the problem was in the case of the government of mitchell against the new york times when new york times started printing the pentagon papers remember mitchell rushed in the court to try and get the first injunction in american history against a prior publication and in court after court as new york times was stopped in boston globe and the washington post and the los angeles times and all the papers took on the job of printing the documents in court after court mitchell tried to explain why it was necessary when they finally you know a couple of days got it up to the supreme court a supreme court doctored by mr nixon with lots of his friends on it they still got a unanimous verdict against them they couldn't convince anybody in contrast to this state of affairs where they're arguing about national security and can't make reasonable conservative people believe it we just seen a case in england where two ministers had to be removed because their sex lives that the prime minister of england immediately explained to commons what the problem was everybody agrees it's unfortunately it's a problem they have to solve it right away and they've appointed an independent commission that everybody trusts and there's no uproar at all about the problem anymore the cases were now being offered which are enveloped in the

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are enveloped in the last week's testimony of national security revolve around the laundering of a hundred thousand dollars of a texas oil millionaire's money that was sent from houston to mexico city to mr stands to mr barker and day after day we're being told that this is the point at which the cia had to stop the fbi from investigating the watergate and yesterday's testimony of mr ellickman i think really indicates how far gone this case is uh the cia at a meeting with erlichmann gray and so on explains that there's they have nothing whatever to do with the watergate they have nothing to do with this hundred thousand dollars they don't care who investigates the hundred thousand dollars it's not going to interfere with their business so i guess it's either ellickman or haldeman who said yesterday then they asked the cia is it possible that in the course of this investigation that something relating to the cia might turn up can you give us an absolute guarantee that if we investigate this we won't turn up some cia operation i said of course we can't give you such a guarantee get that problem just giving people a parking ticket they can't guarantee who's over parked whether it's one of their agents or not so on that basis the fbi is then called off the case because they might stumble on a cia agent well what does all this suggest i think it clearly suggests the national security issue from nixon 1969 to nixon 1973 is bogus but not just as bogus for the last four years but i think we now have to consider maybe its bogus for the last 25 years ever since i started all this but maybe last time i was talking

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but maybe last time i was talking discussing the possibility goes from dallas to the watergate but maybe it goes from the pumpkin papers to the watergate one may have noticed that during the debacle at the end of the pentagon papers case here but some of the testimony of hunt was given to the court in los angeles some of his grand jury testimony in that grand jury testimony hunt explained how he made the fake cable the fake cables that kennedy is supposed to have sent ordering the assassination to diem in 1963 and hunt said when he set to work in the cables he couldn't find the typewriter in which the cables were originally written but he said since the algae his case nobody takes typewriter evidence seriously so it didn't matter and then proceeded without the real typewriter to make his forgeries i noticed a couple days ago nixon said that one reason he couldn't trust the cia's answer that the they had nothing to do with the watergate is that you can't rely on your subordinates but that's what truman did in the his case so nixon has the his case on his mind all the time as to where this all starts in his case there are plenty of indications as false data and after his his second trial experts from the fog museum in boston went over the typewriter evidence issued a report saying that the typewriter alleged to be alger hisses typewriter is a handmade typewriter in which the fonts were soldered by hand that's a sort of typewriter you couldn't buy that it isn't mr hiss's typewriter that the documents presented in the his trial were not typed in the order that they're

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were not typed in the order that they're chronologically dated and one expert said documents were not from 1938 but were from 1948. all this appears in the appendix now jahis's book on the case at the time the court refused to reopen the case on the basis of this evidence i think after what hunt said we and hunt also casually remarks in the grand jury testimony when he was asked to fabricate the cables it was no great difficulty for him because he'd been trained to do this and he'd done it successfully many times and i hope when he appears before the irving committee somebody starts asking about these many times but if this sort of forgery has been going on by the government how do we know it didn't start with the pumpkin papers at the whole demolishment of a liberal state department the whole construction of the cold war isn't the outgrowth of this sort of thing this was followed in rapid fire succession by the rosenberg case by mccarthyism completely eliminating a whole liberal past the grown up under franklin roosevelt then in the 60s we find a whole series of political assassinations which have changed the whole nature of our country each one of these assassinations of john f kennedy robert kennedy martin luther king and the attempted assassination of wallace were immediately covered up strange's documents are classified top secret like oswald's 1962 tax return like the autopsy of robert kennedy all this is being hidden claimed to be classified claimed be classified in the interests of national security now that we know what national security amounts to under nixon

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amounts to under nixon and we've been told that the fbi was doing the sort of things nixon wanted to reinstitute in 1970 was doing these from 1941 to 66. i think it's time to get extremely suspicious and to demand that we find out what's really been going on in this country and who's actually been running it to come to the end of the story for the time being what are we going to do with the present state of affairs i think present state of affairs i was in washington a couple of weeks ago has reached crisis proportions the nixon's government is a shambles is unable to function anymore that he is crippled as a president and won't be trusted by his party or by congress for the rest of his term when the 1970 paper prolonged by dean is published in a week or so it's going to show that he ordered the commission of felonies the violation of laws violation the constitution the violation of his oath of office what's gonna follow then nixon i think gave his last defense in this crazy four thousand word statement and there's nothing left to do the independent prosecutor mr cox first day in the job gets informed he's not an independent prosecutor he's now supposed to take orders from nixon nixon can't even remember from day to day what the state of affairs is congress is faced with an extremely serious problem if the government can't function and they're going to have undoubted

proof the president has committed crimes agnew at the moment is functioning as impeachment insurance he used to function as assassination insurance because no one loaned nut there at least the suspicion is there's no not alone enough who prefers agnew as president to the present state of affairs and now

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to the present state of affairs and now congress i think is feels somewhat stymied that if they impeach the result is fairly obvious and nixon said to the pow said to his family he's not going to quit and nobody's taken up congressman rice's plan that nixon and agnew both quietly resign and we proceed from there this being the state of affairs i'm starting a suit to annul the election on the grounds of fraud deceit and so on and i think the report by charles taft gives adequate grounds and this is no joke the suit is being discussed now in massachusetts new york missouri nevada and california and judge ruffin of san diego is preparing a suit for me and others preparing it in other states and i think that this is our best way out we know the last election was a fake we know we didn't have a genuine democratic election and now is the time instead of moving forward into the impeachment problem moving backward to hold a genuine election and then start getting down to our problems again well the question is whether we have any faith that the i assume you're talking about the irwin committee whether the irwin committee is really going to unearth all this and the speaker doesn't have much faith in the democratic party thinks they're unlikely to really get to the bottom of it well my guess is the bottom may be extremely deep and mr dean said in an interview in time magazine last week they've moved a couple of inches but they have several miles to go and i think he knows where off he speaks but i think when's also seeing a real crisis in the establishment that they never realized that the mafia

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that they never realized that the mafia mafia politics had taken over and that what they assumed was a sort of game that they play between the democratic and republican party according to certain rules has been burst wide open by nixon and his crew and nixon's crew has thrown has made the democratic party the enemy and the republican establishment unwanted so the republican establishment can't talk to nixon there's an article san diego paper yesterday that bob wilson the head of the congressional committee of the republicans can't get a hold of nixon on the phone hasn't been able to for months because holdem and hates them so i think the establishment wants to get rid of a feature of this at the same time they're so astounded by what's being used here that at least some members of it i've talked to in the last couple of weeks are prepared for the first time in a decade to consider that something outrageous has been going on for a hell of a long time and that if this sort of conspiracy can be run in the last couple of years out of the white house that maybe something like it's been run for the last decade so i think people who would never have entertained the possibility that a conspiracy of the sort that appears in executive action could actually be taking place in this country now conceive it's perfectly plausible set of events because the same damn things happened the last couple of years so i think there will be pressure to get much further than they have in the past uh i'd just like to say a word to that you know it's traditional in the american political scene that when there is extremism on the right it is conservative forces which have dismantled it that was true after the um palmer raids it was true in the mccarthy period when as joseph welch the serbic republican from boston and the watkins committee took apart the mccarthy power base and brought

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the mccarthy power base and brought censorship to the congress and as now it's judge sarika and the conservative constitutionalist uh senator irvin now that's been the history uh in this country that the swing away from right extremism has come from the center in this country and never from the left and i think that uh that's what we have to face now and when we look forward now perhaps to teach-ins on the campuses the way there were on the war and in churches and in labor unions and town hall meetings that there be for the first time in american history a radical critique and plan of action come forward out of this uh and that we not simply rest as the gentleman suggests uh in the uh benign expectations of the democratic party to do the work for us we have to not just be spectators at this television spectacular but take a lucid and audacious

series of actions of which an overflow meeting like tonight is a good example the ties to dallas at this point i think are basically structural that is organized crime uh certain kind of industry especially aerospace and conglomerate industry and intelligence fronts those ties exist the this is the paradigm or the model uh that we see here uh for dallas as far as actual personnel that's tied between gemstone and the executive action of dallas in 1963 of course that's very difficult and it's going to take a a lucky break really to break through but let us say that one of those arrested in the watergate a man named frank sturgis a professional assassin was a friend a colleague a co-worker of

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was a friend a colleague a co-worker of both lee harvey oswald and david ferry who was lee harvey oswald's new orleans control or agent handler and who had been working with him since he had been a teenager as a matter of fact and sturgis was questioned by the fbi immediately after the dallas assassination um he has uh uh it was left ambiguous as are most things in the warren report uh but he does seem to be a link and he is involved in executive actions outside of the country that much we know for sure what evidence is there linking sturges sturgis was arrested the day after he was interrogated the day after on november 23rd there now are something like 60 pages of interviews with sturgis from the fbi that are available which don't hang together with what we what else we know sturgis apparently knew oswald in 1962 in miami there's no evidence that lee harvey oswald the man who was killed in dallas ever was in miami so sturgis may have known somebody else using that name and in my book i offer evidences at least one other character and i think by now we know of two other people who use that name stir just may have known somebody else using that name in some of these operations sturgeon sturgis was involved in executive actions was in partly in barker's speech and behalf of stairs the other day on the tv what a great man he was he started rattling off his past activities but i think when star just testifies we're going to find that he has been engaged in a lot of cia activities trying to change the governments in latin american countries the question is why are some of the witnesses now speaking because they have immunity nothing more

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because they have immunity nothing more can happen to them and they hope in case of mccordy hasn't been sentenced yet it's hoping to influence a sentence case of others the sentence can be reduced now uh hunt and sturgis have enormous sentences at the moment but they've been given immunity for any other crime they want to discuss so i understand hunting sturges has been telling the grand jury tons of things of what what else they did for a living and they can't be prosecuted for any other crime uh so i think it's the present pressure that a lot of these people are not interested in spending the rest of their life in jail and i i think besides that we see here what's called you know clearly a contradiction in the ruling circle the cia is fighting for its life as is the fbi and it's clear that mccord and others that are going to go down the line to protect the cia and the only way they can protect the cia is to implicate fatally the white house so that if this were happening in another country where you saw the attempted takeover of intelligence agencies and then an open rebellion between and among the intelligence agencies and the executive you would realize that you were dealing with an aborted coup uh and with a government enmeshed in the um in the hysteria and stranglehold of of an aborted coup you may be taken in by the political way in which this thing is developing that if the democrats started screaming then they built up a opposition in the republican party that would hamstring it and i think i'm not privy to what the democratic party's councils are but it appears to me that they're playing a very careful game of letting the conservative democrats and the republicans blow the thing wide open

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the republicans blow the thing wide open and not doing any pushing their own they don't have to but i think another one of your points is very serious as to whether as this unfolds and becomes obvious the democrats are a peripheral target and that the real paranoia of the government was about the counter culture whether the democrats are going to care that much about the controls that were introduced for the counter culture

and uh god led the thing peter out when it gets to that point but i think the horror that they've all everybody has read the prolonged document has expressed indicates that does go beyond anything they'd ever conceive of doing i i think this these points are well taken and and and it is a a a fight within a fight that is to say the rockefeller agent hague is in the white house now the moderate wing of the republican party while the right wing of the republican party is moving swiftly to take over the funding and the state and city machinery of the gop machine so there's a terrific fight going on i would guess that we could say power has already changed hands in my opinion the fact that the independent prosecutor could only be a kennedy man is a clear indication to me that the kennedy elements of the establishment of the ruling circle are definitely coming into power at that level that isn't to say the popular level but at the level of the machinery of government and the backing of the those elements in the establishment which can be considered uh progressive as opposed to the more reactionary elements that lie behind operation gemstone i do think that in the teach ends that i contemplate coming up that it's time for a revision and a demystification of the cold war in the 50s as never before and that the his case and the rosenberg case have to be shown now we can now point we've been able to point all along to

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we've been able to point all along to forgeries and sauber nation and every other kind of blackmail used in those cases now we have a different kind of context a different kind of spotlight and we owe it to the 1950s and what was they perpetrated war on the progressive movements in this country they used the techniques of war while we used the techniques of the first amendment we used leaflets we used the right to free speech the right to demonstrate peacefully we used the electoral process we used political process to try to make change it's clear now that we suffered and and underwent a series of warlike actions against us that explains our defeats in the fifties it explains what happened to the black liberation movement in the sixties they were the victims of war-like acts that explains our defeats not some subjective and psychological and hyper-critical uh technique that we've developed to blame each other for our defeats we suffered at the hands of a paramilitary orchestrated operation that's been in high gear for some 25 years having seen that we have to come back now with the political techniques that we have developed in these periods and do what we did for watergate what we did in the war we were able to create in the anti-war movement so much contradiction that operation watergate became inevitable for the ruling circle and that's our next challenge in the 70s now i think one of the great opportunities we're going to have whether we do it or whether the establishment does it is for the first time we're going to find out how they carried on this paramilitary war that uh people are now coming up from the underground the fbi the secret service and so on and the cia who are willing to explain how certain events occurred and for the first time we'll get the data and then be able to construct a real history of what went on

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question was whether in view of what's come out about the difficulties the present administration had with j edgar hoover and the opportune time of his death well there's any reason to suspect i don't know whether you're suggesting foul play i i just don't know of any reason he was an elderly gentleman not in good health so uh what was he 76 so i don't find it extraordinary but it is the month of may 1972 does turn out to have been a very extraordinary month hoover died at the beginning of it bremer has shot wallace in the middle of it and the watergate occurred and isn't it also the month of one of the great busts in washington d.c i think they weren't reluctant a lot of people of various political persuasions as you know jumped in as critics of the warren commission and the majority of them were on the left they were stymied by the establishment just put everything under lock and key got all the uh public relations men to announce that everything's been explained it's either too simple so we don't have to explain it to you again or it's too secret we can't tell you about it why they didn't pick it up it's also during the period the organized left is being subjected there's constant harassment on every front i i have something to say about that asking the question is jack kimbrough who's done a remarkable book on the rfk assassination showing incontrovertible ballistics proof of

two guns firing at the ambassador hotel in 1968 but this question i try to take up in detail in the novel a fact executive action one of the reasons the left did not respond to a crisis in 1963 certainly the equivalent of watergate in 1973 was that the scenario the cover-up scenario

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the scenario the cover-up scenario worked but the question is well taken and in these teach-ins i think the left should examine why it is that it accepted these crucial assassinations uh this accepted the story put out by the government propaganda and did not address itself to these issues which affected the man in the street and the woman in the street in the 60s in the way that the war affected the radicals i'll take this occasion now to make a revelation for the first time in public concerning the uh kennedy assassination and that is that both professor popkin and i on separate occasions well i'll speak only for myself have now had confirmed that mr clay shaw was not a contract agent but an employee of the central intelligence agency and that comes from the highest ranking central intelligence agency officer ever to quit victor marchetti the super conspirator charles coulson is the go between between the teamsters and the white house he's the teamsters lawyer right yeah he's also the teamsters lawyer he took that account with him when he left the white house early after having made uh covered his tracks as he thought perfectly to set up erlichman haldeman mitchell and dean and not get caught himself and it's dubious to me whether colson who to me is the arch conspirator ever will be caught and the reason i call colson a double agent is that coulson does not come to the white house from the usc old boy gang or from ucla or from the west coast coulson comes from being the chief aide to carl mcintyre the man in charge for orchestrating the pro-war marches and the link between mcintyre and the american mission in saigon and marshall key and when he left the right and these are the extreme elements of the right the american security council these are the elements involved uh the action elements in these assassinations

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action elements in these assassinations when he went to the white house the euphemism was used that he was to be liaison for the committee to reelect that is sid to ethnic groups the american legion and so forth what he was liaison to was the extreme right those same men from the american security council the national rifle association etc who alone met with nixon on the eve of the invasion of cambodia let me add the teamsters are a special problem that they've been involved with nixon for a long time they paid for his house in palos verdes estate and i'm sorry peter scott isn't here tonight because he's an expert on all the dealings with them a big suit is now going on between shotner and the man from new hampshire leader loeb over shotner's role in collecting two and a half million dollars at three million dollars to get haffa out of jail and the teamsters contribution to the re-election funds i think the teamsters are a special element in their relations with nixon but with regard to coulson besides what don says i had noticed that coulson's the one who brought hunt into the whole operation and been looking for how he happened to know hunt that hunt does isn't the sort of man you meet casually he's always off in a job turns out coulson went to college with hunt in brown in 1942 and they've been friends ever since hunt is also the extreme right and when i met somebody who had been with hunt the day nixon went to china and hunt was raving we shouldn't send people to china we should send bombs to china and here is nixon's best agent best birther he doesn't even support the china policy by the way both coulson and hunt were two of the original organizers of young americans for freedom a definite intelligence front and that young americans for freedom will start to figure prominently now i think as we go further into operation gemstone along with viva the only other person who surfaced as a

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the only other person who surfaced as a friend of hunts is william buckley and buckley is the godfather of hunt's four children and the executor of mrs hunt's estate in the novel executive action exists what i consider the proof that kennedy after the bear pigs fiasco came to the decision that capital and the establishment could only be saved by the dismantling of cia clandestine which had gotten out of control the cuban desk and elements in cia were out of control and that he must liquidate the involvement in vietnam now you can argue

as some do and there's two arguments one that it was a steady smooth escalation from eisenhower through nixon or that kennedy was making a change and that was one of the reasons he was assassinated i think there's proof for the second for this reason when the headlines in 1963 october uh the uh blazoned troops home by christmas advisor's home by 65 and he put those words in the mouth of mcnamara and taylor you can argue well he was just lying like uh johnson and nixon but there's one flaw in that argument one thing that nobody ever did except kennedy was set a date to set a date was to take away the option uh for a political realist like the kennedy brothers uh of of going back on that option in other words he made this over a year before the election he was bringing a thousand troops a month home he was down to twelve thousand and dick popkin and i sat in the pentagon papers trial and our mouth fell open when we heard read from the pentagon papers that the national security council minutes of august september and october 1963 and november are missing and the historian of the pentagon papers in a footnote says therefore we have to rely on on on books that were published about the period and it was precisely that gap or lacunae

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precisely that gap or lacunae of august september october november 63 when the decision was taken to liquidate vietnam when we only have the quote from bobby kennedy we have to go all the way or get out the same thing he used on the hawks in the in the bay of pigs crisis and we know was a technique of the kennedy brothers to force the hand of the hawks to tell him to go all the way or get out that's all we have left over from that four month period it was into that gap that charles coulson had howard hunt forged the cables because that gap existed that those cables had been missing since since just after the assassination and it's into that gap that the forge cables to tie jfk to the dm assassination went so i think that we have proof now that kennedy for reasons having nothing to do with pity for the indo-chinese people or a change of heart decided just as nixon decided many years later to go to china to do many things the salt talks disarmament many things that kennedy was planning it's simply that kennedy almost a generation earlier had taken the decision that he would build a new kind of coalition of labor minorities young people and institute a kind of american quasi-social democracy and set up a reign which would lead from john kennedy to robert kennedy to edward kennedy stretching to 1984 a 24-year reign of power and an enormous restructuring of america so that i'm not minimizing the power uh potential of the kennedy brothers what i'm saying is that i believe all evidence points that when those headlines came out troops home by christmas advisors out by 65 that it was true uh let me add a couple of facts i know on this in the washington post of last saturday they print a story about the real secret intelligence organization that runs everything which keeps changing its name anytime anybody finds out what its name is

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anybody finds out what its name is and it keeps no records but they decide what sort of uh executive actions will take place and so on and the story says that bobby kennedy was never allowed to be a member of this group he wanted very much to be but mitchell did become a member and it got politicized as soon as mitchell got involved kennedy was trying to get in charge of this sort of thing and was failing all through 1963 had been setting up committees to find out what was really going on and who was running the intelligence organizations and every time these committees would turn out to have either alan dulles on it or mccone or somebody else in the cia and kennedy would be no further along than he was before the last committee he appointed was in early 19 november 1973 and alan dulles was on it and came to no useful conclusion by the time of his death but i was told by senator morse that morse in a conversation with bobby kennedy right after the assassination was assured that his brother had taken the decision to get out of vietnam and was going to meet with senator lodge who was in our council in in saigon two days later in san francisco so it seems to be a basis for the claim that it was really gonna happen as far as the bay of pigs goes i don't know when it got started but it's obviously well underway before kennedy got to be president both nixon nixon said he knew all about it during the debates that were going on and didn't dare reveal it these are the best we say they're the best hunt was in charge of plans the legendary eduardo for players euron for geron for the bay of pigs and

mccord was a super agent dulles dropped him behind the lines in the soviet union the 1950s on the most delicate operations but what must be pointed out and i go to some pains to do it in the novel they made even more egregious

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novel they made even more egregious errors in the dallas assassination of 1963 but the media and the electorate and the left were paralyzed and did not seize upon these errors and when you say they are just bunglers they are the best that american technology and finance can put forward and to give proof of that until the day of their arrest hunt and mccord both sat on special emergency crisis committees mccord was the head of a 16-man unit working out of the pentagon in charge of the censorship of news and the roundup of subversives and that's a quote in time of emergency and hunt in the 50s and 60s had sat on two emergency planning boards in charge of censorship of news and roundup of subversives in time of emergency these are the men who would act out if necessary the scenario after the arjun provocateur did their work in san diego or miami had operation gemstone not been aborted but this is the best they can do and they were equally clumsy in the hiss case and in the rosenberg case a fool or a child can see what went on in the rosenberg case it's fear and not lack of their mistakes or our intelligence that have paralyzed us and i think we have to say that just as they failed abominably in vietnam with their plans failed in cuba have failed all over the world and will fail all over the world because their world view is based on an inferior race an inferior class starting with the american populace that is doomed to failure and that is why they have to resort everywhere and always to violence as soon as their crackpot scenarios break down and that's why we have to push them to the wall now they are moral morons and operationally they are often fools and clowns but what they have behind him is the organized violence of the state and that we mustn't underestimate but we mustn't overestimate the mystique of these clandestine crackpots

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i don't know whether it's arrogance or whether as some people are suggesting that maybe they were set up to fail and they were setting themselves up to fail as part of their cia war against the against the nixon administration because the whole thing the actual watergate seems a really incredible burglary and new york los angeles and all sorts of places are full of much better burglars than that there is a new book out in france addending to identifying two of the watergate men as having approached the oas that is the right wing insurgents against de gaulle to uh kill kennedy when he visited de gaulle in 1962 using as a cover and attempted assassination on de gaulle and we don't have enough facts on that yet but two of the uh watergate have been i think we can guess definitely who one of them is but uh i have been identified in france by an oas agent i i found uh i was in washington uh earlier part of may that there's a tremendous struggle going on within the old agency the cia between its original faction that set it up between the young turks who've been trying to get out people they regard as dinosaurs like hunt and mccord and the politicized people who nixon has brought in the man has been appointed new head of the cia hasn't been approved by congress yet was head of their political assassination division mr colby and mr colby has said in testimony before congress he's responsible for operation phoenix that he killed six thousand political people in vietnam by assassination not by b-52s so that's the sort of person who is the old cia and colby in an interview with the new

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and colby in an interview with the new york times said that he regards the cia as the most important bulwark of democracy it's more important than political government and so on i talked to mccord when i was in washington i think mcchord holds similar views and these represent the original cia position but then there are people who've come up since the original group who regard themselves more as technicians and see hunt mccord colby and so on as neanderthals from the original cold war and then nixon's been adding into this politicized people who see the cia as functioning as an arm of the political process of the ruling government so i think at the moment there's a three-cornered fight going on as to who's going to control the cia and also what role it's going to play in the future and hunts mcchord's been issuing endless

memorandums gala from the hearings he writes them six times a day and one day as in washington he issued a 383-page memorandum and each one of these things always ends with a plea for restoring the original cia so i think they're the origin the old boys are trying to get back to where they were at 1950 or so and with the sort of influence they have the question is asked is who are sirhan sirhan and james earl ray and how they fit into this pattern of conspiracy ray i think is a very interesting case where the evidence that he was guilty is so minimal the evidence is involved in conspiratorial activity maximal and nobody uh the establishment immediately decide he's alone not he's a racist and that's why he did it they couldn't find anybody who ever discussed racism with him he had lived in los angeles in the hotel somewhere around here and nobody in the hotel ever heard him having the slightest interest in

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having the slightest interest in politics race or anything else he apparently is a hired gun a hired hoodlum who was smuggling from the time he escaped from jail to the time he was arrested after king's death and smuggling is not an activity you can carry on by yourself so we have to smuggle in concert it's not one of these victimless crimes it has to be a conspiracy mr fensterwald who is mccord's lawyer is also james earl ray's lawyer and he's taken on the case after everybody else milked ray of all the money he had and he apparently had a hell of a lot in the beginning far more than he could ever have gained by any of the activities uh the fbi claimed he was engaged in the fbi said he earned his money bank robbing but they could never name a bank he robbed so array seems to have been somebody who was hired by a conspiratorial apparatus which from the fact he's engaged in smuggling i guess it's connected with the mafia and was sent from place to place to do various things and rey's own claim is he didn't do the shooting he was just sent to register in a motel there register in this rooming house deliver a gun then for the first time since he never read anything but the sports section he discovered when the gun went off that martin luther king was there and beat the hell out of the town and then spent a fortune traveling around until he was caught so i think ray is part of a conspiratorial apparatus and how it's connected with the others i don't think we know yet sirhan's more mysterious maybe mr kimbrough knows more about this but there's certainly plenty of evidence that sirhan did not act alone the three people went with him to buy the bullets there was the lady in the polka dot dress there's some evidence that he was in san diego with a man the day before getting ready for the event

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event so i i think is hardly a loner fence dewalt has found when you try to get information from the state department as to whether sirhan ever had a passport they clam up entirely regarded as one of the greatest state secrets of all time and fenced world used to be a lawyer for the state department has been able to find out about anybody else he is interested if they ever had a passport but this is the one case where it's been absolutely stymied so i think there is some indication that sirhan's also part of some sort of conspiratorial operators i have with me a motion that fenced walls made in the united district court united states district court for the middle district of tennessee a memorandum of facts about the ray case which would convince any reasonable man i didn't solve the case he's unable to get any evidentiary hearing just gets turned down these things so i'm going to try and publish this as an article so at least if the courts don't want to hear it people will know that the case there really is no case against mr ray you

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